

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 104 of Conner Hall, Dan Nakano presiding.

Members Present: John Achee, Christine Albright, Analisa Arroyo, Maor Bar-Peled, Mary Bedell, Tom Cerbu, Inge DiBella, Husseina Dinani, Diana Downs, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Kim Gilbert, Adam Goodie, Richard Hubbard, Maria Hybinette, Takahiro Ito, Kevin Jones, Jain Kwon, Derrick Lemons, Tricia Lootens, Reid Messich, Nicolas Morrissey, Lan Mu, Dan Nakano, Rielle Navitski, Don Nelson, Jeremy Reynolds, Jennifer Rice, Mitch Rothstein, Inseok Song, T.N. Sriram, Phillip Stancil, Rick Tarleton, Lianchun Wang, Sarah Wright

Proxies: Tina Salguero for ShantaDhar, Chem; Timothy Gupton for Chad Howe

Guests: Dr. Carissa DiCindio, Curator of Education, Georgia Museum of Art; Mr. Lee Shearer, Reporter, Athens Banner-Herald

Members not present: Renato Castelao, Fred Dolezal, Lisa Fusillo, Richard Gordon, Jaclyn Hartenberger, Lakshmish Ramaswamy,

Approval of the minutes of the February 16 meeting: Approved without corrections.

President Dan Nakano's Remarks

- HB859, allowing individuals to carry firearms on college campuses. It has passed both House and Senate, but Gov. Deal would like changes (per AJC). Andy Pelosi of Campaign to Keep Guns off Campuses has been in touch with President Nakano about this issue.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Dean Dorsey updated the status of Dr. Noel Fallows, who has moved on to the OIE. After putting out a call for an Interim replacement in the Associate Dean role, Dr. Martin Kagel has been appointed to the post. Dr. Kagel will manage international activities as well as the principal liaison with foreign-language intensive humanities departments.
- The state budget still appears to include merit-based salary raises, likely in the neighborhood of 3%. The Board of Regents did not approve any tuition increases, which limits the potential for salary raises. Part of the pool will be governed by redirecting other funds, coming to 0.5% of the Dean's office budget.
- On HB859, everyone should have received a message from President Morehead, supporting the USG position in opposition to the bill, along with all USG Institution Presidents and other officers. Dean Dorsey joins in opposition to the bill. In response to emails from FCAS faculty members, Dean Dorsey is also disappointed that it has passed, and affirms the right of all Georgia residents, including faculty members, to express their opinions to elected representatives including Assembly members and the Governor. Personal impact is seen as a particularly effective component of such communications.
- Questions were invited.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 25 new courses, approved 61 course changes.
- Academic Standards Committee: Received 1 petitions, which was approved.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

New Business:

- Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Museum Studies. The proposed Certificate was outlined and discussed. Approved unanimously.
- Deactivation of Degree – Art Education, Ed.D. Approved unanimously.

- Termination of Degrees:

- o Art Education, Ed.S. Approved unanimously.

- o Dance, A.B. A concern was raised about the recent increase in degree terminations, initiated from outside of Units that grant the degrees and often seemingly based solely on low enrollment. Discussion ensued about the merits of terminating degree programs solely for low enrollment, and the possibility that some termination petitions, although initiated in Units, may be subject to influence from administrative offices that do not reflect the will of the Unit. It was moved to table this and all future degree termination petitions until these issues could be fully considered by the Curriculum Committee and full Senate. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 16 yes, 14 no.

It was moved to revisit the immediately preceding vote to terminate the Ed.S. degree in Art Education. No second was presented.

- o Music Education, Ed.S. Pursuant to the vote to table all degree termination petitions pending future discussion, no motion was made on this petition.

- Proposed Statement of Opposition to HB 859 – Rielle Navitski (Theater/Film) and Jennifer Rice (Geog).

Two edits of the initial statement were voted on. First, “In our view, the modifications proposed in your March 14th statement are insufficient. We urge you...” This passed by a vote of 33 yes, 0 no.

The second amendment added opt-out language, specifically “The only acceptable modification is that...” This passed by a vote of 17 yes, 8 no.

A potential Letter to Members of the General Assembly was also discussed. No motion was made in this regard.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Goodie
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Psychology

Appendix: Franklin Senate Statement Opposing HB 859 Allowing Concealed Weapons on Georgia College Campuses (March 15, 2016)