

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, February 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in room 250 of the Miller Learning Center, Joe Hermanowicz presiding.

Members present: J. P. Caillault; Rod Canfield; Wayne Coppins; Steve Dalton; Charles Doyle; Kelly Dyer; Ray Freeman-Lynde; Christine Haase; Shane Hamilton; Joe Hermanowicz; Nik Heynen; Christopher Hocking; Philip Holmes; Charles Hopkinson; Thomas Houser; Roy Kennedy; Edward Kiprocos; Kristen Kundert-Gibbs; Gordana Matic; Masaki Mori; Kanzo Nakayama; Ron Orlando; Diana Ranson; Paul Schliekelman; Marshall Shepherd; Jake Short; Eric Stabb; Roger Stahl; Mike Tiemeyer; Bram Tucker; Shuzhou Wang; Mark Wheeler

Proxies: Steven Grossvogel for Batina Kaplan; Greg Gausline for John Lynch; Adam Goodie for Michael Kernis; Maor Bar-Peled for Michael Hahn

Visitors: None

Members not present: Yuri Balashov; Gauri Datta; Mario Erasmo; Ron Miller; Vladimir Popik; Dawn Robinson.

Approval of the minutes from the 27 Jan minutes: Shane Hamilton moved, Ron Orlando seconded. Unanimously approved.

Presiding officer Joe Hermanowicz's remarks:

1. There was a University Council meeting on 5 Feb 2009, in which President Adams discussed the contribution by the Athletic Association of \$6M over 3 years to support the academic mission of the university. Earlier, auxiliary services had earlier been asked to contribute 2% of their budget to the academic mission.
2. The Executive Committee of the University Council will meet next week.
3. The Presiding Officer discussed recent press coverage of increased reliance on non-tenure track instructors at the University of Georgia, including some misrepresentations of this issue by the press.

Dean Stokes' remarks:

The dean discussed (a) recent press about increased reliance on non-tenure track instructors at UGA; (b) continuing budgetary uncertainty for AY 09-10; and (c) recent press about threats to academic freedom at the University of Georgia.

Committee reports:

Professional concerns committee: Chair Paul Schliekelman reviewed the committee's recent discussions about flexible teaching hours (ability to deviate from the formula of MWF 50 minute classes and T-TH 75 minute classes). They compared course schedules at the 12 Board of Regents-defined peer institutions. Two-thirds offer some flexibility in teaching hours, and half offer any combination of hours. The committee learned that the Registrar and the Academic Affairs Committee of the University Council are planning to discuss the

possibility of flexible teaching hours at UGA. The committee recommends that any efforts by the Faculty Senate be made in partnership with these organizations.

Planning committee: Chair Jake Short reviewed the results of a 24 Feb meeting (see attached report). They addressed the following issues:

- Improving support for the humanities: The committee met with the director of the Willson Center on 16 February and the head of Germanic and Slavic languages on 2 March.
- Credit for multiple types of instruction. The committee recommends the Faculty Senate consider appointing an ad-hoc committee of representatives from diverse fields to develop multiple, discipline-specific examples of credit calculation for different forms of instructional contact.
- Graduate faculty status: Discussion continues.

Curriculum committee: Chair Ron Orlando reported approval of 7 new courses and 5 course changes. This committee is also the sponsor of the New Business items below.

Academic standards committee: Chair Mike Tiemeyer reported that the committee has received 9 petitions for course substitutions: 6 have been approved, 1 denied, and 2 are pending.

Committee on committees: Eric Stabb spoke for Chair Dawn Robinson. The committee will meet soon to discuss committee chairs for the next academic year, and to discuss arrangements for the election of the new presiding officer and presiding officer pro tempore (or president and vice president assuming the new bylaws pass). New officers will be announced at the April meeting.

Steering committee and Admissions Committee report no business.

New Business

Ron Orlando, as chair of the curriculum committee, presented two actionable items.

1. Request from the Department of Germanic and Slavic languages to create a new dual M.A. degree in German and M.Ed. plus certificate in Foreign Language Education, to train primary education and high school-level German instructors. The motion was unanimously approved by the senate.
2. Request from the Department of Mathematics to terminate the A.B. degree, a defunct relict from when UGA was on the quarter system. The degree requirements are identical to the B.S. degree and no A.B. has been granted since the move to semesters. The motion was unanimously approved by the senate.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bram Tucker, Secretary and Senator from Anthropology

Report
Committee on Planning and Evaluation
February 24, 2009

1. The committee last met on Monday 16 February.
2. With respect to the matter of support for the humanities, the committee met with the director of the Willson Center on 16 February, will meet with the head of Germanic and Slavic Languages on 2 March and is in the process of scheduling further meetings with department heads.
3. With respect to the matter of credit for multiple types of instruction, and the committee's earlier recommendation that the Senate seek implementation of a multiplying mechanism, consistent with the University's interest in "more granular reporting," for expressing in annual reports the reality of faculty contact hours associated with particular course numbers or types of formal faculty-student interaction, the committee further recommends that the Senate consider creating an ad-hoc committee of representatives from relevant departments across the disciplines to develop concrete, discipline-specific examples of the diverse forms of contact the faculty wishes to represent in its reports.
4. With respect to the matter of graduate faculty status, the committee continues to research and discuss the possibility of modifying the policy to exclude tenured and tenure-track faculty. The Senate should expect a report on this by the end of the term.