

# Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

April 18, 2002

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**1. Call to Order:** Presiding Officer Irwin Bernstein called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

## **2 Identification of Proxies and Visitors:**

**Proxies:** Senator James Anderson (Chemistry) for Robert Phillips; Sarah Spence for Nancy Felson (Classics); Senator Krys Kochut\* (Computer Science) for Jacek Gaertig (Cellular Biology); Senator Steven Grossvogel (Romance Languages) for Nina Hellerstein; Amy Ross for David Leigh (Geography); Senator Gene Wright for Alisa Luxenberg (Art); Senator Claudio Saunt for Renaldo Román (History); Senator John Brewer for Michael Terns (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology); Senator Gene Wright for Stephen Valdez (Art); K. Honerkamp for David Williams (Religion) and Senator Robert Lund\* (Statistics) for Hyangsoon Yi (Comparative Literature). **Absent:** Ben Blount (Anthropology); Wei-Jun Cai (Marine Sciences); Charles Eidsvik (Drama); Evan Garrison (Geology); Ikubolajeh Logan (Geography). 35 Present, 5 Absent. **Visitors:** John McDonald (Genetics).

\*The Senate By-Laws require that Senate Proxies be from the same department as the Senator being represented.

**3. Minutes for the meeting of 26 March, 2002 were not available for approval.**

**4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Irwin Bernstein:** The presiding officer reported that Graduate students were the only group to respond to their copy of the resolution on parking passed at the last Senate meeting. He also reported that the library had responded to the Senate's request that new science journals be kept on display for two days. He then noted that there was a full agenda for this meeting, including elections for next year's officers and committee on committees.

**5. Comments by Dean Wyatt Anderson:** See the previous Item.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

**Academic Standards:** The Franklin College Academic Standards Committee met on April 10, 2002. The Committee reviewed a total of 12 student petitions. Four petitions were approved, five petitions were denied, and three petitions were tabled for further information.

**Admissions:** The Franklin College Admissions Committee has not met since February 26, 2002. However, the Committee members reviewed one petition individually. The Committee tabled the petition until transcripts for the student's current term are received.

**Committee on Committees:** The committee conducted elections. Ed Azoff was elected Presiding Officer; Juergen Wiegel was elected as Presiding Officer Pro Tem. Elissa Henken was chosen to chair the incoming Committee on Committees. Other members elected to that Committee include include Mark Cooney, Jacek Gaertig, Henning Meyer, and Steven Valdez. It was noted that the new electees take office immediately following this meeting. In particular, it is responsibility of the new Committee on Committees to present

nominations for next year's other committees and secretary at the August 2002 Senate meeting.

**Curriculum:** The Committee reported the following items:

- 1) approval of bulletin revisions for the Computer Sciences degree requirements;
- 2) approval of proposals for 8 new courses and 7 course changes submitted through CAPA;
- 3) recommendation that the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences abolish its 15 hour rule which states "No more than 15 hours of courses taken outside the Franklin College may count toward graduation for Franklin College students";
- 4) recommendation to abolish the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences policy which does not allow graduation credit for 1000- and 2000- level military science courses;
- 5) recommendation of a resolution asserting the College's right to set requirements [in response to Dr. Fletcher's memo of December 10, 2001];
- 6) recommendation to approve establishment of an *Institute of Bioinformatics*.

Items 3) and 4) were approved by the full senate without dissent. After some discussion, the wording of the resolution concerning Dr. Fletcher's memo was finalized and approved; it can be found in the Appendix to these minutes.

In connection with Item 6), it was reported that the current proposal documents consultations with concerned departments missing in its original version. John McDonald (Genetics) answered further questions. Afterwards, the Senate voted to endorse establishment of the *Institute*.

**Planning:** No report.

**Professional Concerns:** The Committee made motions concerning the following:

- 1) assignment of free interzone parking permits to individual Departments;
- 2) assignment of free reserved visitor slots in individual parking lots;
- 3) increased input by appropriate committees of the University Council in future decisions involving all aspects of campus planning, including parking, that affect the conduct of professional activities by the faculty.

All of these resolutions were passed. Final texts can be found in the Appendix to these minutes.

**7. Old Business:** Included in Committee reports above.

**8. New Business:** Included in Committee reports above.

**9. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.**

Submitted by Glenn Galau and Ed Azoff

### **Appendix: Resolution Texts**

**1. Concerning the College's right to set degree requirements [Curriculum Committee]**

With this resolution, the Senate of the Franklin College of Arts & Sciences hereby asserts its prerogatives and responsibilities in determining course requirements and specifications for its degree programs, rejecting Associate Vice President Fletcher's interpretation of the Statutes of the University of Georgia as expressed in his memo of December 10, 2001. We claim this authority by both common sense and the Statutes, especially Article VIII, section 2:

*The faculty of a school or college shall have the fullest measure of autonomy consistent with the maintenance of general University educational policy and standards, and of correct academic and administrative relations with the governing authorities of other divisions of the University.*

Subject to the right of revision by the University Council on all matters affecting general University policy, the faculty of each school and college shall have authority to determine the entrance requirements for its own students; *to prescribe and define courses of study for them; to determine the requirements for such degrees as may be offered by the school or college; to enact and enforce rules for the guidance and government of its students in their University work; to recommend for degrees such candidates as have fulfilled degree requirements; and, in general, to exercise jurisdiction over all other educational matters in the school or college.* [italics added]

Dr. Fletcher, in his memo, dismisses the Franklin College degree requirement that limits to 15 credit hours course work outside the college and excludes credit earned in 100- and 200-level military science courses. Dr. Fletcher's stated grounds, that these policies limit students' enrollment in courses from other schools and colleges and limit the applicability of courses otherwise approved by the University Council Curriculum Committee, are insufficient. (The Senate has since abolished both policies on the grounds that they were no longer deemed necessary, but the policies themselves are not the issue here.) Given that *no* requirements, even a department's for its own major, are without effect on the rest of the College and University, Dr. Fletcher's interpretation, ostensibly based on "the right of revision by the University Council on all matters affecting general University policy," would leave the faculty of each college unable to set any requirements at all.

We assert the authority granted to the faculty of Franklin College by the Statutes. Any conflict with general University policy should be addressed by either the University Council or Franklin College Senate, not by an administrator. If the Associate Vice President notices a problematic policy, he is welcome to bring it to our attention for reconsideration, but he lacks the authority to rule on any policy himself.

## **2. Concerning interzone parking permits [Professional Concerns Committee]**

Under the new Parking Plan, each Department in Arts and Sciences should have at least one free interzone permit. Departments with large cross-campus teaching responsibilities should be able to petition for more than one such permit, depending on need.

*Justification.* Each department needs to have available at least one free interzone permit to allow for transportation in relation to cross-campus teaching, especially for large classes, and to meet administrative and research deadlines that have limited lead time.

## **3. Concerning visitor parking permits [Professional Concerns Committee]**

Under the new Parking Plan, each parking lot located near an office or classroom building should have at least one reserved visitor parking slot.

*Justification.* Visitors with official duties should be able to park near the area where their obligations lie, as, for instance, a visiting classroom lecturer or a colloquium speaker.

## **4. Concerning faculty input in campus planning decisions [Professional Concerns Committee].**

The Franklin College Faculty Senate protests to President Adams, his Cabinet, and Parking Services concerning the way the recent Parking Plan was presented and approved, without opportunity for comment or development of consensus by the campus community. The Parking Plan addressed the financial shortfall by

Parking Services but was incomplete in major aspects. It has had many unplanned consequences, impacting both individuals and departments.

The Senate requests that future decisions impacting the campus community, including implementation of the Master Plan for Campus Development, be made in a more democratic manner and only after public review.