

Franklin College Senate
Minutes of the Meeting of 22 Aug 2006

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in 100A, Old College
There were 13 senators or proxies in attendance: Shane Hamilton, Ken Honerkamp, John Wares, Kristin Kundert-Gibbs, Michael Roden, Richard Winfield, Roy Legette, Gary Lautenschlager, Keith Campbell, David Lowenthal, Bill McCormick, Lisa Fusillo, John Tueci-Escobar..

2. Approval of the April 2006 minutes was postponed until the Sept 2006 meeting because of the lack of a quorum.

3. Presiding officer Anne Summers welcomed the senators and called attention to sections of the College ByLaws (copies distributed to all) of particular interest to Senators. She also encouraged new senators to stay after the meeting if they had any questions.

3. Dean Stokes Comments:

Last year we hired 39 new faculty in the Franklin College. Not all of these were funded by the College (some, for instance, came from CCRC). Three new hires were for external heads, Chris Cuomo (WMST), Georgia Strange (Lamar Dodd School of Art), and Steve Hajduk (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology).

The successful recruitment of the Anderson Professorship resulted in the appointment of Frederick Burchinal, formerly of the New York Metropolitan Opera, as well as a new voice coach, George Darden, also associated with the Met.

There is currently a 10 to 11 million dollar deficit in the UGA budget, the result in part if increased fuel and health insurance costs. A “reserve” of \$1.7 has been drawn from the Franklin College budget to help meet the deficit.

The Provost plans to distribute funds resulting from retirements across the institution. Some recruitments for FY07 have already been authorized, and the dean is working on others and hoping to authorize those in September.

The University incurred \$14.3 in startup recruitment expenses last year, much of which is due to Arts and Sciences. OVPR over-committed for startup and is taking steps as a result to make up the deficit. As a result OVPR will reduce support for such needs as international travel. There has been a rapid rise in startup over the last few years.

Because of the budget issues, Arts and Sciences has not yet allocated any funds for faculty travel, and it is not clear yet whether we'll be able to do so. However, everyone is encouraged to file a travel authority and save receipts because

reimbursement could be claimed retroactively if travel funds do become available later.

The Dean's Office is working on some clarifications and additions to the current leave of absence policy.

4. Reports of Standing Committees

- Committee on Committees chair Lisa Fusillo distributed a list of the committees for 2006-07. The Senate approved the list provisionally due to the lack of a quorum and also the need for a couple of edits. A revised final version of the committees will be distributed and formally approved at the Sept. meeting.
- Academic Standards chair Mike Roden noted that several cases had been acted on during the summer.

No other committee chairs were in attendance.

5. Old Business:

Appointment of co-secretaries. Kenneth Hollenkamp (Religion) and Erika Hermanowicz (have been nominated to serve as secretary for Fall and Spring terms, respectively. Their nominations were provisionally approved because of the lack of a quorum and will be officially approved at the Sept. meeting.

6. New Business:

Concern was expressed for the University's passing on energy costs to the faculty and a suggestion offered that an "energy surcharge" (such as now used in other businesses) might be added to the student fees in order to help defray the increasing cost of energy. Dean Stokes said she would share this idea with senior administration.

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.