

Franklin College Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2007
Room 348, Student Learning Center

The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm in SLC 348, William Barstow presiding. Eight proxies were identified: Daniel Dervartanian, Marta Patino-Douce, Shelby Funk, Leonard Martin, Tom Mote, Leonard Chastkofsky, and Joe Hermanowicz One visitor was present, Don Potter.

Members/Proxies Present:

Yuri Balashov (Philosophy), William Barstow (Plant Biology), Adrian Burd (Marine Sciences), Keith Campbell (Psychology), Daniel Dervartanian, (proxy for Steve Dalton [Biochemistry]), Jim DeHaseth (Chemistry), Charles Doyle (English), Mario Erasmo (Classics), Lisa Fusillo (Dance), Michael Hahn (Plant Biology), Shane Hamilton (History), Joe Hermanowicz (Sociology), Kenneth Honerkamp (Religion), Thomas Houser (Art), Betina Kaplan (Romance Lang.), Roy Kennedy (Music), Leonard Martin (proxy for Michael Kernis [(Psychology)], Edward Kipreos (Cellular Biology), Asen Kirin (Art), Kristin Kundert-Gibbs (Theatre & Film), Tom Mote (proxy for Hilda Kurtz [Geography]), Roy Legette (Music), Shelby Funk (proxy for David Lowenthal [Computer Science]), Bill McCormick (Statistics), Masaki Mori (Comp. Lit.), Kanzo Nakayama (Physics), Marta Patino-Douce (proxy for Alberto Patino-Douce [Geology]), Joe Hermanowicz (proxy for Dawn Robinson [Sociology]), Bridgitte Rossbacher (Germanic & Slavic Lang), Paul Schliekelman (Statistics), Marshall Shepherd [Geography]), Jake Short (History), Eric Stabb (Microbiology), Michael Tiemeyer (Biochemistry), Bram Tucker (Anthropology), Leonar Chastkofsky (proxy for Shuzhou Wang [Mathematics]), John Wares (Genetics).

Members Not Present: J. P. Caillault (Physics), Stacey Casado (Romance Lang.), Gordana Matic (Mathematics), Ron Miller (English), Vladimir Popik (Chemistry), Lijiang Shen (Speech).

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Hamilton, seconded by Campbell, to approve the minutes from the Meeting on October 18, 2007. Unanimously approved.

Presiding Officer Bill Barstow's Remarks

No remarks.

Committee Reports (including a report/update on University Council issues)

Committee on Academic Standards: Joe Hermanowicz reported that four cases were considered by the committee in the previous month, all regarding petitions from undergraduates for course substitutions and/or transfer credit to satisfy requirements. All four petitions were approved.

Committee on Admissions: Charles Doyle reported no business.

Committee on Committees: Adrian Burd reported no business.

Committee on Curriculum: Thomas Houser reported that 18 new courses were reviewed and approved, 21 course changes were approved, a meeting was held to discuss changes to the general education core, and 3 proposals were approved.

Committee on Planning: Lisa Fusillo reported no business.

Committee on Professional Concerns: Mario Erasmo reported no business

Committee on Steering: Michael Hahn reported no business

New Business

1) Graduate Faculty Discussion

Bram Tucker explained that the Anthropology department has two concerns about the Graduate Faculty Status situation. First, the department wonders whether the burden of application and re-application for Graduate Faculty Status is a worthwhile use of administrative resources. Second, the department is having difficulty filling graduate student committees because of a lack of graduate faculty and confusing rules about who can and who cannot serve on committees. Tucker noted that retired faculty can sit on committees, but must apply for adjunct status before retiring in order to retain Graduate Faculty Status.

Discussion ensued. Charles Doyle asked whether other universities have similar systems. Michael Hahn noted that a faculty member at the University of Oregon was surprised to learn of UGA's policy in this regard, considering it a "burdensome anachronism." Tucker noted that in a recent survey of Franklin College units, many faculty expressed an interest in retaining the system, although most faculty agree that the system should operate with less paperwork. Various suggestions from the members of the Senate were made regarding elimination of all or part of the Graduate Faculty Status system. Tucker will prepare a motion for the Senate to consider at its January meeting. In the meantime, Dean Stokes will post the results of the recent survey on this issue to the website. The results are available at

http://www.franklin.uga.edu/fac_staff/govern/proposals/Grad_Fac_Responses.pdf

2) Proposal for Changing the Artificial Intelligence Center to the Institute for Artificial Intelligence

Don Potter presented a proposal to change the Artificial Intelligence Center to the Institute for Artificial Intelligence, noting that the unit does not meet the criteria for a Center within the Franklin College because it offers a degree program.

Hahn motioned to approve the proposed change, and Short seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3) Termination of MAT degrees in French and Spanish Offered by Romance Languages Dept.

Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg explained that there are no students seeking MAT degrees in French or Spanish in Romance Languages, so the Committee on Curriculum recommended termination. A brief discussion ensued, after which the committee's recommendation was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Burd, seconded by Hahn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shane Hamilton, Secretary