

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, 16 April 2019

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 250 of the Miller Learning Center, Chad Howe presiding.

Members Present: Yohannes Abate, Mary Bedell, Thomas Biggs, Brian Binder, Peter Brosius, Josh Bynum, Tom Cerbu, Katie Chapman, Brian Condie, Elizabeth Davis, Lisa Fusillo, DeLoris Hesse, Chad Howe, Betina Kaplan, Kristin Kundert, Gary Lautenschlager, Vera Lee-Schoenfeld, Tianming Liu, Alisa Luxenberg, Emily Mouilso, Chris Peterson, Chris Pizzino, Khaled Rasheed, Jennifer Rice, Cassia Roth, Rohan Sikri, Leslie Gordon Simons, Steve Soper, Michael Usher, Hang Yin

Proxies: Inge DiBella for Katie Chapman

Members not present: Suzanne Ellenberger, Jorge Escalante, Alison Farley, Steve Holland, Richard Hubbard, Ming-Jun Lai, Megan Lutz, Kendall Marchman, Silvia Moreno, Joe Norman, Jiyeon So, Qun Zhao

Guests: Christopher Childs; Daniela Di Iorio (Marine Sciences); Maria Navarro (Honors/CURO)

Approval of the minutes of the 19 March meeting: Approved without corrections.

President Chad Howe's Remarks

- President Howe opened with a Thank-you to this year's committee chairs and officers for their work this year.
- He then reminded the Senate of next week's special session, to be held at 3:30p on Tuesday, 23 April 2019 in MLC Room 248.
- He closed his remarks promising to keep things moving because of the packed agenda.
- Maria Navarro: Change in the CURO Honors course – there have been lots of questions and misunderstandings.
 - There have been problems with reporting undergraduate research, every department has been doing it differently. Is CURO only honors students, etc?
 - Honors/CURO wanted a University-wide research suffix: faculty-mentored research that fulfills some requirement. This is a way to fix these problems and make CURO courses fall into the research category, but without changing the courses specific to the departments.
 - The registrar has started implementing the change from H to R for CURO courses. Common syllabus being used is a place holder – don't worry if it doesn't fit, departments can adapt.
 - Requirements:
 - Minimum of 45 hours of research per credit hour.
 - Has to be faculty-mentored to be CURO.
 - Has to have writing and communication component.
 - Email Maria Navarro at mnavarro@uga.edu

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- General Assembly: 2.5% tuition increase, no info on faculty and staff raises
- Michelle Cook, Arthur Trip – New Approaches to Promote Diversity and Inclusion grants (e-mails were sent to faculty – more information about the call can be found here: <http://diversity.uga.edu/index.php/home/article/http-diversity.uga.edu-index.php-events-opportunities-new-approaches>). Proposals are due on 8 May, and will require letter from the Dean's Office; please send drafts by 1 May.
- UGA has initiated a new strategic planning process for 2020-2025, as the current 5-year plan expires next year. More info can be found at https://president.uga.edu/2025_plan
 - The Planning Committee has been named – Michelle Cook and Kyle Tschepikow are the Planning Facilitators (https://president.uga.edu/2025_plan/2025-strategic-planning-committee/).
 - Dr. Kecia Thomas is the representative for Franklin College
- Dean Dorsey will engage with the Senate in fall, with the help of the Planning and Evaluation Committee.
 - Planning and Evaluation Committee will be involved in helping Dean

Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards Committee: 1 petition approved.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 5 new courses, 11 course changes, and 11 bulletin change; Approved 1 Experiential Learning Course, 2 Double Dawgs proposals, 1 new certificate (Theatre and Film Studies), and 1 new major (Marine Sciences).
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: The Faculty Affairs Committee was charged to explore 3 issues:
 1. NTT faculty exclusion from teaching FYO
 - Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) met with David Williams and Maria Navarro, Director and Associate Director of Honors Program
 - They indicated that NTT faculty can mentor students and teach courses for Honors Program with Department Heads authorization.
 - FAC alerted Honors Associate Director that the info on the website is not consistent and has been told that it will be corrected.
 - FAC discussed on the phone and via e-mail FYO criteria with FYO Director Naomi Norman and 2025 Strategic Planning Committee facilitator Kyle Tschepikow. The decision that FYO be taught by TT faculty was taken by the **QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan)** that created the FYO (it is not fully clear if the decision came from SACS).
 - Under Faculty the QEP document available online (p18 https://qep.uga.edu/pdfs/UGA_QEP_FYOS.pdf) states: "**B. Faculty Instructors for FYOS will be tenured and tenure-track faculty members**, including emeritus faculty and clinical faculty in the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy and in the School of Law who hold the rank of assistant professor, associate professor, or professor. In addition, any

administrator with a tenure-track faculty appointment may offer a seminar. Although the University employs a number of instructors without tenure-track appointments, the QEP Team affirmed, at several points in developing the QEP, the critical importance of having tenured and tenure-track faculty make contact with first-year students in these academically focused seminars. **In rare cases, the director of the FYOS program, in consultation with the program's Advisory Committee, may allow other instructors the opportunity to teach a seminar."**

- Based on this last line, there could be exemptions to the no NTT faculty offering the seminars.
 - QEP will be under review in 3 years. There is no instance of revision or evaluation before then. QEP could decide to keep FYO as is, modify it, or not continue it under QEP.
 - The composition of the QEP committee is not clear but in the past we identified only one NTT faculty (who has taught FYOs) though input from faculty on all ranks was encouraged during QEP process. According to Tschepikow, QEP committee will be formed at a later time by the 2025 Strategic Planning Committee, which does not have NTT faculty that we could identify.
 - Possible action: Invite 2025 Strategic Planning Committee to include NTT faculty in their committee and QEP committee.
2. College and University Teaching Awards open to NTT faculty
- There are teaching awards for which NTT faculty are eligible at both the college and university level.
 - The only ones administered at UGA (the Richard B. Russell is awarded by a foundation in Atlanta) not open to NTT faculty are the General Sandy Beaver Professorship and the Meigs Professorship (see below list compiled by Leslie Gordon).
 - Possible actions:
 - Invite Dean and Provost to open all appropriate awards to NTT faculty
 - Invite the College and the University to create more awards that would recognize the work of NTT faculty at UGA.
 - Recommend that department chairs and NTT faculty be made reminded of awards that are available to NTT faculty
3. Change in deadline for grade submission
- According to Registrar Fiona Liken, earlier deadline needed to avoid negative impact on student's financial aid processing for the subsequent semester, or graduation/transcript processing.
 - This change is addressing several faculty support and technical issues that were coming up.
 - At the end of the grade submission cycle there are several activities going on related to Academic Standing/Dismissal, Dean's List and Presidential Scholars, financial aid processing, and more.
 - There are often technical issues that arise which require assistance from other campus offices, such as from EITS. Unfortunately, much of this help is not available after 5:00 p.m.

- Fiona Liken expressed her willingness to discuss solutions to the problems that the earlier deadline might be creating.
- Possible action: Request a meeting with the Registrar and a group of concerned faculty to discuss alternatives (i.e. extensions to submit grades for faculty teaching larger classes)
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

New Business:

- Nominations and Elections for 2019-20 – Chad Howe, Senate President
 - President-elect: Tom Cerbu nominated
 - Secretary: TBD
 - Committee Chair Nominations: All passed unanimously
 - Academic Standards – Chris Peterson, Plant Biology
 - Curriculum Committee – Lisa Fusillo, Dance
 - Executive Committee – DeLoris Hesse, Cellular Biology
 - Faculty Affairs – Yohannes Abate, Physics and Astronomy
 - Planning and Evaluation – Brian Binder, Marine Sciences
- Proposal for Interdisciplinary Certificate in Musical Theatre Performance – David Saltz, Theatre and Film Studies – passed unanimously
- Proposal for Bachelor of Science major in Ocean Science – Daniela Di Iorio and Brian Binder, Marine Sciences – passed unanimously
- Proposal to consolidate the Ph.D. in Integrative Conservation – Nathan Nibbelink, Director of the Center for Integrative Conservation Research – passed unanimously
- Update on progress of the Ad Hoc Committee on Baldwin Hall – Chris Pizzino, English
 - Thanks to all of those who contributed to the work of preparing the report. The report is 30 pages, supported by appendices with more info. Senators must be prepared for next week's special meeting, so all need to read the report in advance.
 - The committee has recommendations for Senate consideration – again, need to read the document to consider the recommendations fully.
 - First: vote to accept the report, i.e. that committee fulfilled its charge.
 - Second: vote to keep the committee solvent.
 - Third: not to make changes unless the Senate as a whole approves. Anyone who wants something added will have to come to the Senate meeting.
 - No one on the committee will be available for public comment in the next week, but Senators can ask questions.
- Discussion regarding University actions against Franklin College students – Janet Frick, Psychology
 - Dr. Frick has discussed this concern with the Executive Committee, based on info from many people. The issue is larger than any one student.
 - Three points about actions taken against Franklin students:
 - Faculty governance: A student was investigated by the graduate school, but the home department was never consulted.

- University response to political speech: Tweets from UGA
- Code of Conduct in relation to political activism.
- Vote to make a statement: passes with five against, one abstaining.
- Vote to have Executive Committee draft a statement to consider for vote in special session on 23 April 2019: passes with one abstaining.

Old Business:

- None.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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