

**Franklin College Faculty Senate**  
**Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM via Zoom, DeLoris Hesse presiding.

**Members Present:** Benjamin Britton, Peter Brosius, Clifton Buck, Tom Cerbu, Brian Condie, Maduranga Dassanyake, Gauri Datta, Inge DiBella, Vince Du, Allison Farley Raffle, Timothy Gupton, Cindy Hahamovitch, DeLoris Hesse, Steve Holland, Richard Hubbard, Caner Kazanci, Emily Koh, Kristin Kundert, Sidney Kushner, Vera Lee-Schoenfeld, Alisa Luxenberg, Kendall Marchman, Soroya McFarlane, Emily Mouilso, Vasant Muralidharan, Chris Peterson, Jordan Pickett, Chris Pizzino, Khaled Rasheed, Jennifer Rice, Cassia Roth, Bala Sarasvati, Anne Summers, Cynthia Suveg, Michael Usher, Alberto Villate-Isaza.

**Proxies:** Eric Morales-Franceschini for Nancee Reeves, Yuri Balashov for Rohan Sikri.

**Members not present:** Yohannes Abate, Michael Bachmann, Tianming Liu, Hang Yin, Leslie Gordon Simmons.

**Guests:**

**Approval of the minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting:** Unanimously approved with no corrections.

**President DeLoris Hesse's Remarks:**

Nominations are needed for the secretary and president elect positions for the next year's senate. Anybody interested in these roles should contact DeLoris Hesse.

**Dean Dorsey's Remarks:**

Dean Dorsey was not able to attend the meeting, but stated that one of the associate deans in attendance might be able to answer questions. Hesse asked if the instruction will return back to normal during Summer. Associate Dean Martin-Williams stated that there already exist many online courses during the summer semester, so there's some flexibility. USG determined that in the Fall, instruction will go back to normal, with no social distancing rules in place. Hahamovitch asked if all students will be able to be vaccinated before they leave for summer. Associate Dean Martin-Williams stated that the university is waiting for the same information as well, as we cannot go to the next group until the whole state does. Hahamovitch asked why there's a certain plan for face-to-face instruction in Fall given the uncertainty in vaccination schedule. Associate Dean Martin-Williams replied that it was a USG decision. Hahamovitch suggested a senate resolution stating that face-to-face instruction in Fall should be contingent on vaccinating the campus. Hesse agreed. Pizzino asked if students can learn if their classmates were tested positive for Covid-19 or not, and if the deans decided to retain the current policy, which is not to inform the students.

Martin-Williams answered that she was not aware of any change, but could make a note for Dean Dorsey to write to Hesse the answer to this question.

### **Committee Reports:**

DeLoris Hesse asked that the committee chairs to report:

- Executive Committee: The chair of the committee Alisa Luxenberg stated that they will be talking about the bylaw revisions as an agenda item in this meeting.
- Curriculum Committee: 12 Bulletin Changes: Various departments, two Multicultural Course Proposals: ANTH 2800 and ENGL 4700, one deactivation of Area of Emphasis: Art, one Undergraduate Certificate Proposal: Women's Studies, one New Major Proposal: Statistics/Computer Science, one New Minor Proposal: Anthropology, one Academic Program Name Change.
- Committee on Academic Standards: The chair of the committee Chris Petersen reported that the committee considered three petitions from students, all of which have been approved.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No report.
- Committee on Planning and Evaluation: No report.

### **New Business:**

- Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Telemeeting Crimes – Cassia Roth, Senator, History: The committee is working on finalizing their report which will be finalized before the next senate meeting. Anne Summers asked if forensic professionals were involved in the process. Roth stated that they consulted relevant people from UGA as needed. The committee is preparing a report on not what happened, but how Franklin college should address this moving forward. Alisa Luxenberg asked if this type of faculty issue would be fitting in one of the standing senate committees. Roth stated that this issue might be repeated in future, so could be handled by a standing committee. Hess stated that the committee on Faculty Affairs, or perhaps two committees jointly, might take on such a charge.
- Vote on Revisions to Franklin Senate By-laws Concerning the Executive Committee – Alisa Luxenberg, Senator and Executive Committee Chair: To address Dean Dorsey's comments from last time, the updated bylaws state that the meetings organized by the Dean and the special meetings can be held remotely as well. Language clarifying changes to the agenda are added. The new committees will be informed about their responsibilities at the end of the first meeting in August. Anne Summers asked if there could be brief descriptions for committee tasks and best practices, like a FAQ. Cynthia Suveg agreed with this need as a new curriculum committee member. Hesse asked if in person meetings should be required after the pandemic ends, or if Zoom attendance will still be accepted. The current language accepts hybrid attendance. Hahamovitch stated that it could be permanently online. Hesse agreed. Pizzino stated that for ordinary meetings, online meetings are fine and more efficient, but in certain situations, in person meetings might be beneficial. Sidney Kushner

stated that it might be too early to decide on this. Vera Lee-Schoenfeld stated that under normal circumstances, the first meeting of every year could be in person. The motion to accept the suggested changes was passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

None was reported.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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