

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021

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

Members Present: Yohannes Abate, Michael Bachmann, Benjamin Britton, Peter Brosius, Clifton Buck, Tom Cerbu, Brian Condie, Maduranga Dassanyake, 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, Emily Mouliso, Vasant Muralidharan, Chris Peterson, Jordan Pickett, Chris Pizzino, Khaled Rasheed, Nancee Reeves, Jennifer Rice, Cassia Roth, Bala Sarasvati, Leslie Gordon Simmons, Anne Summers, Cynthia Suveg, Michael Usher, Alberto Villate-Isaza, Hang Yin.

Proxies: Yuri Balashov for Rohan Sikri. T.N. Sriram for Gauri Datta.

Members not present: Tianming Liu, Soroya McFarlane.

Guests:

Approval of the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting: Unanimously approved with no corrections.

President DeLoris Hesse's Remarks:

DeLoris Hesse thanked the senate for their work during a difficult year. Hesse stated that the Senate resolution on GSA's stance on special institution fee is shared by the faculty senate of the college of education, to be voted on this week. The resolution will then be shared by the UGA administration.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks:

Dean Dorsey discussed academic excellence, and shared recent academic accomplishments and awards received by Franklin college students and faculty.

Sidney Kushner asked if UGA will require vaccination for the incoming students for Fall 2021. Dean Dorsey stated that he has not heard from UGA administration and USG about such a requirement at this point.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee: The chair asked that the current committee chairs pass the necessary files and information to the next chairs.
- Curriculum Committee: Steve Holland reported that 3 general education proposal from various departments and one Double Dawg proposal from Woman's Studies was approved.

- Committee on Academic Standards: No report.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No report.
- Committee on Planning and Evaluation: No report.

New Business:

- Nominations and Elections for 2021-22 – DeLoris Hesse, Senate President. Due to a lack of nominations for President-elect and Secretary positions, a slate will be prepared to be voted during the first Senate meeting of the next semester. The slate for committee chairs for the next year's senate has been approved with the exception of the curriculum committee chair position.
- Vote on Assignment of charges from the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Telemeeting Crimes–DeLoris Hesse, Senate President. Chris Pizzino inquired about the need for emergency procedures in case of a telemeeting attack, and added that the Office of Emergency Preparedness might be helpful. There were no further comments with the exception of emergency procedures, and the motion to accept the assignment of charges was voted on and passed unanimously. Emergency procedures will be discussed in the Fall.
- Discussion and possible vote of adopting a Resolution in solidarity with Asian and Asian American targets of hate crimes–Tom Cerbu, Senator, Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies. Tom Cerbu shared the resolution prepared by their department, and asked about the appropriate way for the senate to support this resolution. Alisa Luxenberg said that their faculty, staff, and graduate students support the resolution. Anne Summers suggested that we can share the resolution with our own departments in addition to a senate vote. Chris Pizzino asked about the senate's thoughts about sending this resolution to the Red & Black after the senate vote. Jennifer Rice mentioned that Franklin senate has sent documents to the Red & Black before, like the Beyond Baldwin endorsement. The motion to support this resolution was voted on and passed unanimously. Sidney Kushner suggested to inform the department heads that the senate has approved and adopted this resolution. The motion to send the resolution to the Red & Black and the department head was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Discussion of Franklin College Senate meetings in the coming year: return to in-person or continue via Zoom? - DeLoris Hesse, Senate President. DeLoris Hesse asked if the senate meetings should be over Zoom or in person next year. Summers suggested to do the first meeting by Zoom. Kushner agreed, noting the lack of enthusiasm for getting vaccinated among students. Dean Dorsey suggested to plan for in-person meetings to avoid room availability issues, as it is easier to plan for an in-person meeting and then revert to Zoom than vice versa. Alisa Luxenberg reminded that the senators will break up into groups in the first senate meeting of the academic year, and added that while this is possible in Zoom, an in-person meeting would help committees cohere. Emily Mouilso stated that there exist practical reasons to continue with Zoom meetings aside from the pandemic,

such as having more flexibility in our schedule. DeLoris Hesse stated that she'll plan for in-person meetings, and send out a Qualtrics survey in July to vote to determine the meeting type.

Old Business:

None was reported.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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