

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 213 of the Miller Learning Center, Adam Goodie presiding.

Members Present: John Achee, Analisa Arroyo, Maor Bar-Peled, Mary Bedell, Thomas Biggs, Josh Bynum, Renato Castelao, Tom Cerbu, Brian Condie, Elizabeth Davis, Inge DiBella, Jorge Escalante, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Lisa Fusillo, Adam Goodie, Dan Hall, Chad Howe, Richard Hubbard, Kevin Jones, Kristin Kundert, Jain Kwon, Derrick Lemons, Megan Lutz, Gordana Matic, Reid Messich, Silvia Moreno, Nicolas Morrissey, Dan Nakano, Rielle Navitski, Lakshmish Ramaswamy, Jennifer Rice, Leslie Gordon Simons, Steve Soper, Phillip Stancil, Piers Stephens, Lianchun Wang, Quin Zhao

Proxies: Steven Grossvogel (proxy for Richard Gordon), Jonathan Evans (proxy for Tricia Lootens), Bram Tucker (proxy for Don Nelson)

Members not present: Kim Gilbert, Maria Hybinette, Takahiro Ito, Lan Mu, Leslie Gordon Simons

Approval of the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting: Approved without corrections.

President Adam Goodie's Remarks

- President Adam Goodie extended his welcome to all, and introduced other noteworthy individuals including President-Elect Mary Bedell, Secretary Chad Howe, and Sherry Gray of the Dean's Office, who is in charge of organizing meetings. He also welcomed Dean Alan Dorsey and Dean Kecia Thomas.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Dean Dorsey extended a thank you to all Senators for service to the Senate.
- Dean Dorsey updated the Senate on various staffing changes in the Dean's office. These included the following changes: the retirement of Dr. Hugh Ruppensburg and his replacement, Dr. Kecia Thomas, as Senior Associate Dean; Dr. Chuck Kutal stepping down from his associate dean position and returning to the Department of Chemistry; the appointment of Dr. Thomas Mote from the Geography Department as an Associate Dean; the appointment of Dr. Jean Martin-Williams in the Hugh Hodgson School as an Associate Dean; the continuation of Dr. Martin Kagel from the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies as Interim Associate Dean; and the continuation of Dr. Russell Malmberg from the Plant Biology Department as Associate Dean.
- Dean Dorsey continued with several updates. First, he commented on the quality of this year's incoming freshman class, which totals approximately 5,400. These students have an average GPA of 3.8, an average SAT score of 1302, and an average ACT score of 29.
- The Science Learning Center opened with a ribbon cutting last week. The building's serves primarily as classroom space for lower division science classes in chemistry, physics, and the biological sciences.

- Dean Dorsey next discussed the Franklin College fund raising for FY16, commenting that the college had received \$20.8 million in gifts. He observed that this was almost a record for gift giving and that Franklin's gift amount was the highest of all academic units at UGA. This cycle completes the 4th year of an 8-year fund raising campaign with 48 million raised so far.
- Research funding in Franklin College also increased in FY16 to \$75.5 million, up 15% from previous years.
- Franklin College produces 46% of the total credit hour production at UGA. Dean Dorsey observed that 2015-2016 credit hours were up compared to 2014. There was also an increase in online classes, with double the number of courses from 2015 to 2016.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards Committee: Received 7 petitions, approved 1, denied 6.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 35 new courses, approved 126 course changes, approved 5 proposals, and approved 1 degree termination.
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

Old Business:

- Proposal - Vietnamese Language and Literature Minor

The proposal for a Vietnamese Language and Literature Minor that was tabled during the April 19th, 2016 meeting of the Franklin Faculty Senate was reintroduced. The proposal was approved by the Department of Comparative Literature in February 2016. Representing the Department of Comparative Literature was Dr. Masaki Mori who explained the reasons behind this proposal. He cited the increased student demand for Vietnamese language and culture courses at UGA, with 81 students currently enrolled in such courses as compared to only 66 in Fall 2016. He also noted the large population of Vietnamese immigrants and Vietnamese-Americans in Georgia. Finally, he discussed the fact that UGA's minor would be one of only two such offerings in the United States. There was no discussion. Approval was moved and approved unanimously.

New Business:

- Senate President Adam Goodie introduced a number of changes to the slate of 2016-2017 committee assignments for the Franklin College Faculty Senate. Approval was moved and approved unanimously.
- Music Performance Graduate Certificate

Dr. Dale Monson, Director of the Hugh Hodgson School of Music, provided an overview of the different degrees offered at UGA. He observed that there are several well-regarded Schools of

Music in the United States that offer certificate programs that focus on performance. These schools include the University of Michigan, Yale, and Indiana University. Dr. Monson also observed that many students come to UGA specifically for the training in performance and that the creation of this certificate was a logical next step for the Hugh Hodgson School of Music. The program includes two years of course work, recitals, and work with different UGA ensembles. The admissions for this certificate will be highly exclusive and open to non-degree seeking students. Dr. Monson reiterated that this certificate is designed for students wishing to focus solely on performance.

During the Q&A period, Dr. Monson was asked about the non-degree component of this certificate. He clarified this issue again pointing out that the certificate was not open to degree-seeking UGA students, noting also it provides options for students who do not necessarily need or want to do a PhD. He was also asked about the certificate's impact on potential employers to which he replied that it would likely appeal to hires made by symphonies. One senator asked about the effect of this certificate on (a) the enrollment in other programs and (b) faculty studios. He replied stating that there would be no effect on other programs and that faculty had already expressed clear support for this proposal. Finally, Dr. Monson was asked about how students completing in this certificate would be funded. These students will be self-funded, and there will be no reallocation of assistantships to fund students in this certificate program.

Approval was moved, and the proposal was approved unanimously.

- Termination of Business and Political German Certificate

Dr. Inge DiBella of the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies was present to discuss this proposal. She noted that there had been very little interest in this certificate, now in its 12th year. She observed that given the opportunities for internships abroad and classes at UGA, the enrollment in the program was very low. No students would be negatively affected by terminating this program. Approval was moved and approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chad Howe
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Romance Languages