

**Franklin College Faculty Senate**  
**Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

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, Maor Bar-Peled, Mary Bedell, Josh Bynum, Tom Cerbu, Brian Condie, Elizabeth Davis, Inge DiBella, Jorge Escalante, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Lisa Fusillo, Adam Goodie, Dan Hall, Chad Howe, Richard Hubbard, Maria Hybinette, Takahiro Ito, Kevin Jones, Derrick Lemons, Megan Lutz, Silvia Moreno, Nicolas Morrissey, Dan Nakano, Rielle Navitski, Don Nelson, Lakshmish Ramaswamy, Jennifer Rice, Leslie Gordon Simons, Steve Soper, Phillip Stancil, Piers Stephens, Lianchun Wang, Quin Zhao

**Proxies:** Peter O'Connell (proxy for Thomas Biggs), Patricia Medeiros (proxy for Renato Castelao), Jonathan Evans (proxy for Tricia Lootens),

**Members not present:** Wesley Allen, Analisa Arroyo, Richard Gordon, Kristen Kundert, Jain Kwon, Gordana Matic, Reid Messich

**Approval of the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting:** Approved without corrections.

**President Adam Goodie's Remarks**

- President Adam Goodie began his remarks with a welcome.
- President Goodie next discussed the staffing for the Senate next year, noting that most of the committee chairs had already been filled and that additional members needed to be added.
- President Goodie ended his remarks thanking this year's officers and committee chairs.

**Dean Dorsey's Remarks**

- Dean Dorsey began his comments by expressing his appreciation for the leadership of this year's Faculty Senate.
- Next, Dean Dorsey noted that the University Commencement ceremonies, both graduate and undergraduate, were set to be held on May 5.
- Regarding legislature news, Dean Dorsey announced that the State Budget included 2.5% merit-based pay increase for university employees. He also observed that the University might be using internal funds to augment this increase.
- Dean Dorsey also noted that a \$4.6 million bond for a design study relate to an interdisciplinary STEM building was included in the budget and was waiting for the Governor's approval.
- Also included in the budget is a \$50 million bond for MRR (Major renovations and repair) for units in the University System of GA. Dean Dorsey stated that Associate Dean Malmberg would be working to catalogue maintenance issues in Franklin College.
- Finally, Dean Dorsey commented that the UGA Office of Government Affairs was actively working to address potential budget cuts proposed by the Trump administration.

- Q&A: Dean Dorsey was asked a question regarding the procedures for making requests for renovations and repairs in Franklin College. Dean Dorsey noted that those requests should be addressed to Associate Dean Malmberg.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Academic Standards Committee: 1 petition pending
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 23 new courses, approved 14 course changes, approved 4 Double Dawgs Proposals (Psychology, Mathematics, Biology, and Computer Science), approved 1 Major proposal (Genetics)
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

### **New Business:**

- Nominations and Elections for 2017-18 Franklin Faculty Senate

President Goodie presented the proposed slate of nominees. All nominees were approved unanimously by the Senate.

- President-elect nominee: Chad Howe (Romance Languages)
- Secretary nominee: Steven Soper (History)
  - Committee Chair Nominations:
    - Academic Standards Committee – Open
    - Curriculum Committee – Don Nelson (Anthropology)
    - Executive Committee – Jennifer Rice (Geography)
    - Faculty Affairs Committee – Leslie Gordon Simons (Sociology)
    - Planning & Evaluation Committee – Open
    - Awards – John Knox (Geography)
- Discussion of HB 280 (“Campus Carry”)

Senator Jennifer Rice offered an overview of HB 280 currently awaiting approval on Governor Deal’s desk. She noted that a letter urging the Governor to veto the previous bill had been prepared and submitted by the Franklin Faculty Senate. She then initiated discussion on whether another letter should be prepared to address concerns over the current bill. After discussion, it was decided that a new letter should be drafted and that it should include the statement from last year’s letter opposing the campus carry legislation. Moreover, a paragraph would be added reiteration the Governor’s veto of last year’s bill. Senators Jennifer Rice and Adam Goodie accepted the task of finalizing the wording for the statement.

The revised letter was approved unanimously by the Senate.

**Old Business:**

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.

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