

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences
Jan. 16, 2003
Approved February 20, 2003

1. Call to Order:

Presiding Officer Ed Azoff [Math] called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM in Room B-2 of the Main Library.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Jim Anderson for Marly Eidsness [Chemistry]
Eve Troutt-Powell for Reinaldo Roman [History].
Eve Troutt-Powell for Claudio Saunt [History].

Absences: Norris Armstrong [Genetics], Clanton Black [Biochemistry],
John Culvahouse [Music], Ikubolajeh Logan [Geography]

Visitors: William Vincell, CRSS
Lioba Moshi , African Studies
Akinloye Ojo , African Studies

Deans: Wyatt Anderson & Hugh Ruppensburg.

Senate Total: 33 Present, 3 Proxies, 4 Absent.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Senate Meetings:

Minutes for the Nov. 21, 2002 meeting were approved after being amended so that item (7a) (Search Committee for Provost) had one dissension rather than 'no dissent'. The reconstructed minutes of the April 18, 2002 meeting, first presented at the 11/21/02 meeting, were accepted without amendment. As usual, all minutes, once submitted, may be viewed on-line at the Senate's web-site: www.franklin.uga.edu/dstaff/admin.fcSenate.htm .

4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Ed Azoff [Math]:

4a) Report on Universilization of BA/BS proposal
In accordance with the Senate's wishes, the two Arts & Sciences representatives voted against this motion when it was presented to the University Curriculum Committee, but all other colleges' representatives voted in favor, so it with only the two A&S representatives dissenting. The final vote by the University Council will be taken on Thu. 2/06/03. We should authorize our Curriculum Committee to continue efforts to thwart

this, or failing that, to at least make these degrees more general.

4b) The Senate should update its policies. Some of these are quite old.

5. Comments by Dean Wyatt Anderson:

5a) Universal BA/BS Degree.

Dean Anderson is not at all pleased with this development, and plans to speak against it at the 2/06/03 University Council meeting.

5b) Continuing Budget Issues

Dean Anderson related that Dean Benson of Terry College of Business projects that the state economy will recover by 2004 - we hope he is correct.

Unofficial word is that there will be no raises for next year. Those being promoted should still receive promotion bonuses, but their magnitude remains undetermined at this time. Next year may be the most difficult ever, with some positions now open not being filled. The 5% cuts from last year have now been made 'permanent'; it hasn't yet been determined whether this year's 5% cut will also become 'permanent'. Dean Anderson has tried, as much as possible, to protect the departments' Operating Budgets. While 25% of this budget (including all remaining travel funds) was recalled in October, much of this (probably 75%) will be re-released soon to departments. Department Heads may spend this as they see fit, but only in very unusual circumstances would these funds be allowed for travel.

5c) Fast-Track Approval

Dean Anderson noted that he has already given Franklin College's support to the plans (see related items 7b (iii)-(v) under 'Action Items' below) for Engineering Programs in Ecological & Environmental Engineering, Biological Engineering, Biochemical Engineering, and Computer Systems Engineering and that he supports the idea of an Institute of Engineering being approved at UGA. He noted that he dislikes approving such measures without consulting the Senate, but felt that support would be strong and further noted that he had been informed that there was a narrow window of opportunity during which this plan had a high chance of being approved at the University Council and Board of Regents levels.

5d) Questions

(1) If a department has been authorized to hire this year, should they proceed with arranging interviews, or wait until final clearance to interview is given? [Answer: Continue making arrangements, but clear with Dean's office before inviting any candidate.]

(2) Is it legal for the College to reclaim (from a department) any overhead return funds which a department generated from grant overhead ? Yes - the

funds technically belong to the College, not the department. Most Colleges take some or all of these funds to spend as they see fit. Franklin College, until this year, had returned all of this money to the departments. This year, 25% has been re-claimed by the College, although it is anticipated that about 75% of this 25% will soon be re-released to the departments.

6. Committee Reports:

6a) Academic Standards Committee (Chair: Barbara McCaskill; English):

The committee met on Tuesday 12/17/02. There were 9 petitions; 4 were approved and 5 were denied. The Committee elected Prof. Randolph Clarke [Philosophy] to serve as Chair for the remainder of Spring 2003 semester.

6b) Admissions Committee (Chair: Alisa Luxenberg; Art):

The committee met on Tuesday 1/7/03 and reviewed 13 petitions. Three were approved, four were approved pending medical verification, and six were denied. The committee will contact the Institutional Planning office soon to obtain some data on the success rates of re-admitted students.

6c) Curriculum Committee (Chair: Nina Hellerstein; Romance Languages):

The committee met on Wednesday, 1/08/03. It approved the following 10 items, with those noted by '*' requiring Senate approval in the 'Action' portion of this meeting.

(1) Request to add RELI 4700/6700 to the list of courses that fulfill the College's multi-cultural requirement.

*(2) Proposal for a minor in African Studies.

*(3) Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Marine Engineering.

*(4) Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Marine Engineering.

*(5) Proposal for a Certificate in Business and Political German.

*(6) Proposal for a new major in Environmental Chemistry.

(7) Proposed changes to the Undergraduate Statistics major requirements.

(8) Proposed changes to the Spanish major requirements.

(9) Proposed changes to the Brazilian and Portuguese Studies minor.

(10) Petition to allow students to enter the Criminal Justice major without completing 60 hours of core curriculum.

The committee approved 10 courses from 6 different departments. 4 of these approvals concerned modifications to existing courses, while 6 created new courses. These involved 8 undergraduate courses, 0 split-level undergrad/grad courses, and 2 graduate courses. The Committee also indicated that it would draft a statement opposing the universal BA/BS degree and would send this to the University Council prior to the 2/06/03 meeting.

6d) Planning Committee (Chair: Glenn Galau; Botany):
There was no report presented from this committee.

6e) Professional Concerns (Chair: Robert Rumely; Math):
There have been no meetings since November. The grievance case which was mentioned in the minutes of the Nov. 2002 meeting has now been withdrawn.

6f) Steering Committee: (Chair: Nancy Felson; Classics):
The Steering Committee met prior to this meeting to prepare the agenda for today's meeting. No other meetings have taken place since November.

6g) Committee on Committees: (Chair: Elissa Henken; English)
There was no report presented from this committee.

6h) Ad Hoc Committee to Review Promotion/Tenure Guidelines (Chair: Elissa Henken; English): This committee has met five times (12/03/02, 12/10/02, 12/20/02, 1/08/03, and 1/09/03) since the November faculty meeting to review the currently proposed document and to make suggested amendments. Their final 11-page report was distributed prior to this meeting and will be considered as Action Item 7a below.

7) Action Items

7a) Vote on sending the document produced by the Ad Hoc Committee on Promotion and Tenure Revisions to the University Council Committee.

An early straw vote indicated nearly unanimous general support for this document, but there was a protracted discussion of various parts. Among the questions/comments raised were the following:

(i) What is the role of the two non-voting external observers ?

(ii) Perhaps the first paragraph on Page 3, containing the phrases: "many unintended consequences", "appears to tilt the process", and "informed faculty members", among others, might be considered antagonistic by those who wrote the original revision proposals. If these could be re-written in a less inflammatory style, the document might be better received by the University Committee.

(iii) There was some discussion about the Appeals/Reconsideration section (Pages 8-9) and its accompanying flowchart (Page 11).

(iv) How much influence will what we (Franklin College) suggest as guidelines have on plans which have already been made by the University Committee charged with revising these guidelines ?

Prof. Henken indicated (in response to question (iv)) that the University Committee was very anxious to have input from Franklin College, but that they were anxious to move forward and wanted Franklin College's suggestions as soon as possible.

Ultimately, the Senate voted without dissent to approve the general sentiment of the report and to authorize the Ad Hoc Committee to revise it as they saw fit to address some of the concerns expressed above before submitting the final report to the University Committee. Presiding Officer Azoff then led the Senate in thanking Prof. Henken and the members of her Ad Hoc Committee (Eidsvek [Drama], Marshall [Art], Felson [Classics], Wiegel [Microbiology], Walker [Marine Science], Rumely [Math], Crowe [Geology], Logan [Geography], and Hammond [Psychology]) for their many hours of hard work on this very important matter.

7b) Vote for Curriculum Committee Proposals concerning:

- (i) Proposal for a minor in African Studies.
- (ii) Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Marine Engineering.
- (iii) Proposal for an Graduate Certificate in Marine Engineering.
- (iv) Proposal for a Certificate in Business and Political German.
- (v) Proposal for a new major in Environmental Chemistry.

After some discussion, including brief presentations by both visitors, all five motions were passed without dissent.

8) Old Business: [none]

9) New Business: [none]

10) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will occur Thu. 2/20/03 at 3:30 PM in Room B-2 of the Main Library. Agenda items are due to the Steering Committee by Thu. 2/06/03.

11) Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Submitted by Jaxk Reeves, Statistics