

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, January 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in room 250 of the Student Learning Center, Joe Hermanowicz presiding.

Members present: Yuri Balashov, Wayne Coppins, Gauri Datta, Charles Doyle, Kelly Dyer, Mario Erasmo, Christine Haase, Michael Hahn, Joe Hermanowicz, Christopher Hocking, Philip Holmes, Thomas Houser, Roy Kennedy, Michael Kernis, Edward Kipreos, Kristen Kundert-Gibbs, John Lynch, Gordana Matic, Masaki Mori, Kanzo Nakayama, Ron Orlando, Vladmir Popik, Diana Ranson, Dawn Robinson, Paul Schliekelman, Marshall Shepherd, Jake Short, Eric Stabb, Roger Stahl, Mike Tiemeyer, Bram Tucker, Shuzhou Wang, Mark Wheeler

Proxies: Maria Hybinette for Ron Canfield; John Doyd for Ray Freeman-Lynde; Benjamin Ehlers for Shane Hamilton; Joshua Barkan for Nik Heynen; Adrian Burd for Charles Hopkinson; Steven Grossvogel for Batina Kaplan

Visitors: Bill Barstow, Department of Biology; Brigitte Rossbacher, Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages; Adrain Burd, Department of Marine Sciences.

Members not present: J. P. Caillault; Steve Dalton; Ron Miller.

Approval of the minutes from the Nov 18 minutes: Dawn Robinson moved, Eric Stabb seconded. Unanimously approved.

Presiding officer Joe Hermanowicz's remarks:

1. There was a University Council meeting on 4 Dec 2008, in which the main topic was the budget for the current year and next year.
2. The Executive Committee of the University Council met 20 Jan 2009. Main business was termination of inactive degree programs and discussion of new degree programs.
3. The Benefits Committee of the University Council has been discussing the issue of family leave. They have decided to appoint a special subcommittee to discuss the issue further. Membership in this sub-committee is open to all interested faculty.

Senior Associate Dean Ruppensburg' Remarks:

1. The College has completed promotion and tenure procedures for the year. In total, there were 26 nominations for promotion and/or tenure to the college.
2. No news about university-wide budget cuts for AY 08-09 and AY 09-10.

Committee reports:

Planning Committee: Chair Jake Short reported on 12 Jan meeting in which the following issues were discussed (see Attached Report):

- Improving support for the humanities within the college. Dr. Short reported that the committee is communicating with the Director of the Willson Center and appropriate department heads for suggestions.

- Credit for multiple types of instruction. The committee recommends new formulas for calculating teaching effort to reflect the value of non-standard instructional formats.
- Graduate faculty status. The committee recommends that it be automatic for tenured and tenure-track faculty.

Curriculum Committee: New chair Ron Orlando reported approval of 29 new courses and 25 course changes (See Attached Report).

Academic Standards Committee: Chair Mike Tiemeyer reported that the committee has received 15 requests for course substitutions.

Admissions Committee: Chair Kristen Kundert-Gibbs reported that the committee received 18 petitions to waive one semester academic dismissal. 5 cases were approved, 13 not approved.

Steering Committee and Professional Concerns Committee report no business.

Old Business: Revision to the college bylaws

The special committee for the revision of the college bylaws included Bill Barstow, Adrian Burd, Dawn Robinson, Hugh Ruppensburg, and Joe Hermanowicz. The committee presented the major changes in the bylaws, which include changing the titles of the presiding officer and presiding officer pro-tempore to President and President Elect; changing the term limit for senators allowing them to serve two consecutive terms; changes in the names, compositions, and responsibilities of several faculty senate committees; and changes to the procedures by which the Dean appoints and evaluates department heads. Organizational changes within the faculty senate make the structure more commensurate with that of the University Council, facilitating inter-organization cooperation.

Two errors were identified in the new bylaws. Articles two and three refer to the Steering Committee, which will have been renamed the Executive Committee.

Dawn Robinson offered the following motion, which was seconded by Kristen Kundert-Gibbs and unanimously approved:

“Motion to recommend that the Senate vote to approve the revised bylaws and forward the revision to the faculty at large for approval.”

Mario Erasmo added the friendly amendment that revised bylaws must include correction of the errors identified above.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bram Tucker, Secretary and Senator from Anthropology

Report
Committee on Planning and Evaluation
January 27, 2009

1. **The committee last met on Monday 12 January.**
2. **With respect to the matter of support for the humanities, the committee has undertaken to meet with the director of the Willson Center and with several department heads.**
3. **With respect to the matter of credit for multiple types of instruction, the committee recommends that the Senate seek implementation of a multiplying mechanism, consistent with the University's interest in "more granular reporting," for expressing in annual reports the reality of faculty contact hours associated with particular course numbers or types of formal faculty-student interaction.**
4. **With respect to the matter of graduate faculty status, the committee is exploring the possibility of modifying the policy to exclude tenured and tenure-track faculty.**
5. **The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 16 February at 5:15 PM.**

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
JANUARY 26, 2009**

Curriculum Description	Approved
New Courses Reviewed & Approved	29 new courses
Course Changes	25 course changes
Proposals Approved: Proposal to approve SLAV 2100 for the General Education Core	