

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences

March 11, 2003

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1. Call to Order:

Presiding Officer Ed Azoff [Math] called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM in Room B-2 of the Main Library.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Yuri Balashov for Randolph Clarke [Philosophy]  
Shelly Zuraw for Alisa Luxenberg [Art]  
Henning Meyer for Gary Love [Physics]  
Robert Phillips for James Anderson [Chemistry]  
Geoffrey Smith for Marly Eidsness [Chemistry]  
Joseph Mendocino for Clanton Black [Biochemistry]

Absences: Reinaldo Roman [History], Claudio Saunt [History], Ben Blount [Anthropology], Glenn Galau [Plant Biology], Suchi Bhandarkar [C.S.], Glenn Wallis [Religion], Mark Cooney [Sociology], Charles Eidsvik [Drama], Steve Miller [Psychology].

Visitors: Dr. William Potter, UGA Libraries.

Deans: Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg. [Dean Wyatt Anderson was not present because of a simultaneously scheduled University Council meeting.]

Senate Total: 25 Present, 6 Proxies, 9 Absent.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Senate Meetings:

Minutes for the Feb. 20, 2003 meeting were distributed but not formally approved due to late submission. They will be offered for approval along with these March minutes at the 4/15/03 Senate meeting. 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](http://www.franklin.uga.edu/dstaff/admin.fcSenate.htm) .

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

4a) There are two distinct but relevant meetings scheduled for April. On Tue. 4/15/03, at 3:30 PM in Room B-2 of the Library, this group (Faculty Senate) will hold its last regularly scheduled meeting of the academic year. Also, on Tuesday, 4/22/03 at 3:30 PM in 265 Park Hall, Dean Wyatt Anderson will give his annual address to the A&S faculty. All senators are strongly urged to attend both of these meetings.

4b) Departments which need to select new senators because of the expiration of the 3-year term of a current senator have been notified. In addition, three departments (Biochemistry, Plant Pathology, and Sociology) who will grow from '1 senator' to '2 senator' departments as of Fall 2003 have also been notified. Department Heads were reminded that the regularly scheduled times for Senate meetings are TuTh 3:30 PM, and were asked to ensure that the nominated Senator would be free at those times. All of these departments have been asked to submit the names of their new senators to the Dean's Office by April 9, 2003, so that new Senate committees may be appointed over the Summer.

4c) The new (for 2003-04 academic year) Presiding Officer and new Committee on Committees will be elected at the April Senate meeting.

4d) The Professional Concerns Committee has done an amazing amount of work this year. They have introduced three action items on today's agenda, concerning Electronic Balloting, the SEVIS fee, and the Increased Teaching Mandate. The Academic Standards Committee has also been working diligently. At the April meeting, they will introduce a resolution concerning Grade Inflation, a matter which they've been investigating since early last Fall.

4c) The new Provost was announced this morning by President Adams to be the current acting provost, Arnett Mace. Today's visitor, William Potter, was the head of the Provost Search Committee which nominated Dr. Mace (and four other finalists). Dr. Potter will give us some insight into the whole process during the New Business portion of the meeting.

5. Comments by Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg:

5a) Dean Wyatt Anderson is not able to be present today because of a simultaneously scheduled University Council meeting. He is meeting on Thursday (3/13/03) with other Deans concerning the BA/BS degree universalization proposal.

5b) The new School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) has submitted its requirements for a BA/BS degree to our College, and we have no objections to these, since they are very similar to our requirements.

5c) The College is working with the English and Math departments to ensure that proposals for reduced student testing during orientation do not jeopardize the benefits of current placement procedures.

5d) The administration of the College is pleased with the selection of Arnett Mace as the new Provost. Wyatt Anderson has worked with Prof. Mace previously and thinks that he will be fair to the College. In response to faculty concern about the matter, at a recent Academic Symposium, Prof. Mace stated that the 'temporary increase' in teaching is anticipated to be for the next academic year only.

5e) Our College is not implicated in the recent basketball scandal. However, this incident has caused the Provost to remind all Deans and Department heads that proper procedures must be followed in instructional assignments. In particular, whenever a person other than a regular faculty member is assigned to teach a course, permission must be obtained. This applies to instructors, visitors, graduate students, etc. In addition, departments must be vigilant about ensuring that the instructor of record is indeed the person who teaches a course. A memo detailing the official university policy on all these matters will soon be disseminated to all department heads.

5f) A question was raised concerning a new regulation which requires that paperwork be filled out every year for all grants, even continuing grants. Dean Ruppensburg stated that he was unfamiliar with such a regulation, and believed that if it was indeed a new rule, it must have been imposed by the Office of the Vice-President for Research. He suggested that any faculty who felt that this new rule was too burdensome should contact Dean Wyatt Anderson, as he has previously been able to smooth out misunderstandings between OVPR and research faculty concerning matters such as this.

## 6. Committee Reports:

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

The committee met on Tuesday 2/25/03. No student petitions were reviewed at this meeting. Rather, the members discussed grade inflation. A draft of their proposed policy on grade inflation will be presented to the Senate at its April meeting.

### 6b) Admissions Committee (Chair: HyangSoon Yi; Comparative Literature):

The committee met on Friday 2/08/03 and reviewed three petitions. They approved two and denied one.

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

The committee met on Friday, 2/21/03. They approved the following 5 items:

- \* Proposal to include GRMN 2300 in University Core Area C (Humanities).
- \* Proposal for a new prefix, SCAN, to be used for courses on Scandanvian Literature.
- \* Proposal to add ECON 4850 and 4850H to the major required degree area.
- \* Proposal to create dual degrees between Arts & Sciences and Education for the following: English, Mathematics, Biology, and History. This is an action item for today's meeting.
- \* Proposal of draft version for a Neuroscience Graduate Program. This is also an action item for today's meeting.

The committee approved 14 courses submitted in CAPA from 7 different departments. Of these approvals, 6 concerned modifications to existing courses, while 8 created new courses. These involved 8 undergraduate courses, 3 split-level undergrad/grad courses, and 3 graduate courses.

### 6d) Planning Committee (Chair: Glenn Galau; Botany):

There was no report presented from this committee.

### 6e) Professional Concerns (Chair: Robert Rumely; Math):

- 1) The committee has forwarded three resolutions to be voted upon as action items at today's meeting. They concern electronic balloting, the teaching increase mandate, and the SEVIS fee.
- 2) University Council Elections are ongoing. More nominations are needed from the Biological Sciences Division.

### 6f) Steering Committee: (Chair: Nancy Felson; Classics):

The Steering Committee met prior to this meeting to prepare the agenda for today's meeting. No new business was handled.

### 6g) Committee on Committees: (Chair: Elissa Henken; English):

There has been no formal meeting of this committee since the last Senate meeting, although they have communicated electronically among themselves in an effort to locate suitable candidates for the next Awards Committee.

## 7) Action Items

- 7a) Proposal to create dual degrees between Arts & Sciences and Education for: English, Mathematics, Biology, and History. This motion was forwarded and recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Dean Ruppensburg noted that this is already technically possible, but that passage of this motion would streamline the process. He further noted that the Board of Regents strongly supports this proposal, since they feel that it leads to better trained teachers. Senator Stephen Valdez [Music] noted that this plan tended to increase a student's undergraduate career by one year, but that most of those involved are willing to do this, especially if they are permitted to extend their HOPE scholarships during this period. The motion passed 28-0.
- 7b) Proposal for a Neuroscience Graduate Program. This motion was forwarded and recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Senator Randy Hammond [Psychology] noted that this could be similar to a program in Psychology, and wondered if it had been approved by his Head. Senator Elissa Henkin [English] noted that the signature page distributed in the packet for this meeting was not filled in. There was some discussion of whether this proposal had gone through the proper channels. Eventually, by a 22-1-5 vote, the motion was semi-tabled. That is, if it were determined that the proposal had not gone through all the proper channels before being presented at this meeting, it was tabled until our next meeting. If the Committee could determine that the motion had gone through all proper channels, the Senate authorized them to approve it before the next Senate meeting so as not to delay implementation of the new program.
- 7c) Resolution approving electronic balloting in College Elections for representatives on University-wide committees, to become effective in Fall 2003. This motion was forwarded and approved by the Professional Concerns Committee, with discussion taking place at the February 20, 2003 Senate meeting. There was little discussion at this meeting other than a determination that paper ballots would NOT be available for those who preferred not to vote electronically. The motion passed 27-1.

This resolution will be sent to Dean Wyatt Anderson, with copies to Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg, Administrative Director Christine Miller, and Administrative Secretary Kristin Griffin.

- 7d) Resolution concerning Provost Mace's mandate that faculty teach an extra 1/2 course per year (on average) during 2003-04. The Professional Concerns Committee was seeking Senate endorsement of a letter which they proposed sending to Provost Mace expressing a reluctant willingness to comply with this request for the good of the University. The letter notes that the mandate would probably have been much better received and understood by faculty if it had stated "departments should offer the same number of seats and courses as in previous years" rather than being phrased as it was. Most of the discussion at the meeting concerned how to phrase the last paragraph of the letter, so that it politely, yet firmly, made the point that the faculty of our College understand this to be a special one-year increase only. After much discussion, the motion passed by a 27-0 vote, with the last paragraph ultimately being amended to say:

"We have been assured that this policy will not be continued beyond one academic year. We urgently request that this be the case. We believe that if this policy continues, the ability of the faculty to conduct research and win grants, the ability of the University to recruit and retain top quality faculty, and, ultimately, the quality of our teaching itself, will be severely compromised."

This resolution will be sent to Provost Arnett Mace, with copies to President Michael Adams and Dean Wyatt Anderson.

7e) SEVIS fee Resolution. The Professional Concerns Committee presented copies of correspondence of their committee with various faculty and administrators concerning the SEVIS fee now being required of all international students and scholars at UGA. It was determined that this was NOT a fee imposed by the US government, but rather a fee imposed by UGA to subsidize the cost of using the SEVIS system (use of which HAS been imposed upon all higher educational institutions in the USA as of 2/01/03). There was almost universal agreement that the fee, if passed on to international students at all, should be a one-time charge and not the \$50 per semester assessment which the UGA administration has currently imposed. There was some sentiment expressed that passing this fee onto international students and scholars might send the wrong sort of message to the international community about UGA's commitment to international education, yet there was reluctance on the part of some faculty to be viewed as arguing for a fee increase for any group of students. Ultimately, after about 25 minutes of passionate arguments by numerous senators, most notably Jacek Gaertig (Cellular Biology) and David Leigh (Geography), the following motion was passed by a 19-0-2 vote:

"The Faculty Senate requests that the University reconsider the fee being assessed on international students and scholars to implement the SEVIS system required by the Homeland Security Act, for the following reasons:

- 1) Implementation of the SEVIS system is a one-time expense, which is ultimately expected to reduce the expenses of administering international students, and, thus, should not result in an on-going fee;
- 2) Unlike other fees, which are shared by all students, this fee is imposed only on international students and scholars.

The Senate requests that the University reconsider the amount of the fee, determine whether an ongoing fee is necessary, and, if so, seek methods to more equitably share the economic burden."

This resolution will be sent to Dr. Mark Lusk, Associate Provost for International Education, with copies to President Michael Adams, Dean Wyatt Anderson, Provost Arnett Mace, OIE Director Mary Ann Kelly, and Dr. Fausto Sarmiento, Executive Director of the Office of International Affairs.

#### 8) Old Business

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

#### 9) New Business

##### 9a) Discussion of Provost Selection Procedure

Dean Ruppensburg announced that Acting Provost Arnett Mace had been selected earlier in the day by President Adams as the new Provost and that Dr. Mace had accepted the position. Dean Ruppensburg noted that our Dean, Wyatt Anderson, had served on the search committee and was very satisfied with the search process, the 5 finalists, and the ultimate decision. Dean Ruppensburg then introduced our guest, Dr. William Potter, Head of the UGA Libraries, and Chair of the Provost Selection Committee. Dr. Potter commented that he had served as the Chair of the Search Committee which

had found Provost Holbrook several years ago, and was flattered to be asked again to serve on a Provost Search Committee. He described the process as being very open, with the committee being charged to provide to President Adams names of 3-5 finalists. As was the case with the search for Provost Holbrook, an executive search firm was retained to generate applicants, although not all applicants came via this route. In the end, there were about 60-70 serious applications, with about 30 of these being reviewed carefully. These were condensed to a short list of 12 candidates with whom unofficial meetings were sought. Ten of these were arranged, typically at hotels near major airports. From this, a list of five finalists was derived and presented to President Adams. Dr. Potter stated that he and most of the selection committee felt that any of the five finalists would be able to serve admirably as our next Provost. After submitting these names, Dr. Potter stated that his official duty was completed, but that President Adams had then asked him to arrange the interviews (which took place in the time period from 2/11/03 to 3/06/03) and to collect opinions from Faculty, Deans, VP's, and Students who would meet the candidates. Late last week, after the last candidate had visited, the President asked for a summary of comments from these groups, which Dr. Potter presented to him shortly thereafter. President Adams reviewed this information and made his decision public today.

Presiding Officer Azoff [Math] stated that he had no qualms about the selection procedure, but was a bit uneasy about the feedback mechanism for comments. He asked Dr. Potter if he could elaborate more on this. Dr. Potter responded that all Deans were asked to forward their comments to the President and that some senior faculty sent comments, as well. He stated that he wasn't at liberty to divulge the summary information that he reported to President Adams, but felt very confident that all relayed comments were considered carefully.

10) Next Meeting:

The next (and last of the academic year) meeting of the Faculty Senate will occur Tue. 4/15/03 at 3:30 PM in Room B-2 of the Main Library. Agenda items are due to the Steering Committee by 5:00 PM on Tue. 4/08/03.

11) Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at exactly 5:00 PM.

Submitted by Jaxk Reeves, Statistics