

Franklin College Faculty Senate
March 16, 2004
3:30 p.m. in Room 150 of the Student Learning Center
Approved: April 13, 2004

1. Call to Order:

Presiding officer Nancy Felson [Classics] called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM in Room 150 of the Student Learning Center.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Mitos Andaya for John Culvahouse [Music], Alexander Sager for Marjanne Gooze [Germanic/Slavic]

Absences: Barry Palevitz [Plant Biology], K.K. Mon [Physics/Astro], Glenn Wallis [Religion], Luis Correa-Diaz [Romance Language], Barbara McCaskill [English], Randall Walker [Marine Science], Christine Harold [Speech Communication], Andrew Grundstein [Geography], Laura Mason [History], Reinaldo Roman [History].

Visitors: Tom Cooper [Language Education], Charles Kutal [Chemistry, Associate Dean], Robert Boehmer [Assoc. Provost, Gwinnett].

Total: 36 Present, 12 Absent.

3. Approval of Minutes of previous Senate Meetings:

The Senate voted unanimously to approve the minutes from February 19, 2004

4. Remarks by Presiding Officer Nancy Felson

The Presiding Officer gave an overview of the aftermath of the faculty-wide no-confidence vote on President Adams. The coverage in the media was mixed, in terms of accuracy and completeness. An editorial in the March 1, 2004 Athens Banner Herald was particularly insightful: it interpreted the polls and accompanying rationale statements as showing that the faculty's criticism of the leadership of President Adams is not due to loyalty to the Athletic Director, and that for the faculty there is no academics vs. athletics issue in this matter. An article in the AJC incorrectly stated that the Franklin College Faculty made up 25% of the total UGA faculty; the actual figure is 38%. There may be further coverage in *The Chronicle* and/or *New York Times*, and an article is planned for *The Flagpole*.

The President sent a memorandum on his budget proposals to Administrators, including Deans, and to the Presiding Officers of the Faculty Senate and the University Council—one sign of an awareness that faculty should be kept in the communication loop. We hope this will become routine.

Our main task, now, is to propose structural changes that will strengthen faculty governance and keep communication lines open among all members of the university community. We are focusing on proposals that would make a difference, no matter who occupies the office of President. The Planning Committee will set forth these immediate proposals at our last Senate meeting and then, if approved, at the faculty-wide meeting on April 21st.

5. Remarks by Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg

The Associate Dean acknowledged two awards recently received by College faculty. He also reported on the 10% tuition return policy, a method of funding instruction by which the University returns to an instructional unit a portion of revenue generated by student tuition payments for the instruction involved. He introduced a proposal (due October 15, 2004) to undertake a five-year program for integrating various college-level assessment plans and noted that the Senate planning committee would be involved in developing this plan.

6. Remarks by Senator Robert Rumley, as a member of the Dean Search Committee

Robert Rumely [Math] reported on the progress of the search for a new College Dean. On March 1, 2004, the deadline for the receipt of applications, 41 candidates had applied, of whom 6-7 were internal. The candidates had varied backgrounds and included leading academics and administrators. The search committee is currently paring down the applicant pool to a short-list of 10-11 candidates to be interviewed in Atlanta; then 3-4 will be invited to the campus for on-site interviews. There are 20 people on the search committee, representing every group within the college including faculty, staff, administrators and students. Their job is to provide Provost Mace with an unranked list of 4-5 candidates. Fundraising was emphasized among the criteria for the position; according to Provost Mace, the successful candidate should dedicate 40% of his or her time to fundraising.

7. Committee Reports:

a) Steering: no report

b) Committees

The Committee on Committees met in cyberspace from February 13-17, 2004. The Committee appointed five senators (one from each division) to an ad hoc committee charged with drafting the Senate's statement on the leadership of President Adams.

c) Academic Standards

The Academic Standards Committee met on January 29, 2004 and reviewed a total of 10 student petitions. Seven were approved, two were tabled pending more information, and one was sent to the department level for review.

The committee also met on March 5, 2004 and reviewed a total of seven petitions. Three were approved, two denied, one was partially approved, and one was tabled to allow more time for the student and the instructor to prepare verbal arguments.

d) Admissions: no report

e) Curriculum:

The Curriculum Committee met on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 and approved the following items:

- Bulletin revision for English
- Proposed changes in Area F for the major in Film Studies
- Proposal to create dual degrees between foreign languages and foreign language education
- Request for revision of the French placement policy

The Committee also approved a total of 23 courses submitted in CAPA.

NOTE: (The list was not read)

ANTH 4262/6262 (new)
ARHI 4915/6915 (new)
BCMB (CHEM) 8200 (deletion)
CBIO 3710 (new)
CSCI 4150/6150 (new)
CSCI 8150 (new)
CSCI 8220 (new)
CSCI 8250 (new)
ENGL 4995 (new)
GEOG 2011-2011L (new)
GEOG 4370/6370-4370L/6370L (new)
GENE (BIOL) 3000H (new)
GENE 4000/6000 (new)
GENE 4230L (new)
GENE (BIOL) 4600/6600 (change)
HIST 7910 (change)
ITAL 4040/6040 (change)
LATN 2050 (new)
LATN 2060 (new)
MARS 7020-7020L (new)
MARS 8900 (new)

MUSI 4790/6790 (new)
PBIO 4530/6530 (new)

f) Planning

The Planning Committee met on March 1, 2004 and reviewed the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) guidelines regarding faculty governance, discussed possible faculty surveys, and, in general, deliberated regarding their charge.

g) Professional Concerns: no report

9. New Business

a) Action Item: Proposal for Faculty Senate role in Franklin College Meeting of April 22, 2004.

The Senate voted unanimously to take an active role at this meeting. The Presiding Officer will organize the presentation of our work this year.

b) Action Item: Proposal to appoint an ad hoc bylaws committee.

This task is actually within the purview of the Steering committee, which was charged (by unanimous vote) with formulating relevant changes. Mitch Rothstein was added as a member. The committee is now accepting recommendations for revising/updating current bylaws

c) Action Item: the grade appeals process (Academic Standards Committee)

The Academic Standard Committee noted that they have now rewritten the appropriate sections of the Bylaws and will forward their recommended changes to the Steering Committee.

d) Action Item: Proposal to create foreign language dual degrees (Curriculum Committee)

Tom Cooper (Chair of X committee) explained the proposal and set forth its advantages. Essentially the proposal formalizes (and therefore streamlines) a practice that already occurs informally, whenever a student earns a bachelor's degree in a foreign language and an education degree that includes certification to teach the language. Formalizing the process will help provide certification which in turn leads to employment opportunities.

The proposal was unanimously approved.

- e) Transfer of credits between UGA-Athens and Gwinnett Campus: Chuck Kotal and Robert Boehmer

Associate Dean Kotal and Gwinnet Associate Provost Boehmer opened a dialogue with the Senate regarding the transferability of students and upper-division courses between the Athens and Gwinnett county UGA campuses. There is currently no difference between the degree received at each campus (a UGA degree that does not specify campus) except for an existing requirement (installed as a “firewall”) that students finish their degree at the campus they originally enrolled in. The proposed is that students would be able to freely take courses between campuses and switch degree programs if they so desired (based on approval and acceptance by the respective degree programs). Some senators expressed reservations based on the current overload of students at the Athens campus. Others question whether Gwinnett instructors are at the same level as those at the Athens campus. Boehmer and Kotal replied that the level of instruction was the same and that Gwinnett students would only be allowed to take Athens courses on a space-available basis. Both urged that the Senate begin discussion of how to deal most effectively with students at Gwinnett since Gwinnett is growing and artificial barriers between the two campuses might not be optimal.

The Senate decided it needed more time to reflect upon these issues and that they should be sent back to committee.

- 6) Discussion of SEVIS and fee charged to international students (Academic Standards)

Douglas Crowe [Geography] noted that SEVIS does not have UGA on its list.

7) Promotion and tenure guideline: The University Council is circulating revised guidelines. Elissa Henken, who chaired last year’s ad hoc committee on Bylaws, is studying the 54-page document and will provide a report at the next Senate meeting. Several senators who had been on her committee last year agreed to work on this project.

Call for Agenda Items for the April 13, 2004 meeting (due April 1, 2003).

Agendas and supporting materials will be posted on the Faculty Senate Website at http://www.franklin.uga.edu/fac_staff/govern/index.htm. Online copies of the Bylaws, Policy and Procedure Manual, and minutes of previous meetings are also maintained at that site.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM

Submitted by B. Randy Hammond, Psychology.