

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
March 26, 2002
Minutes Approved on September 17, 2002

1. Call to Order: Presiding Officer Irwin Bernstein called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Robert Phillips for James Anderson (Chemistry); Senator Robert Rumely for Edward Azoff(Mathematics); Senator Ikubolajeh Logan for David Leigh (Geography); Charles Doyle for Barbara McCaskill (English); Senator Reinaldo Roman for Claudio Saunt (History); Senator John Brewer for Michael Terns (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology); and Senator Alisa Luxenberg for Gene Wright (Art). Absent: Mark Cooney (Sociology); Jaacek Gaertig (Cellular Biology); Juergen Wiegel (Microbiology); and Hyangsoon Yi (Comparative Literature). 36 Present, 3 Absent. Visitors: None.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of 21 February, 2002.

4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Irwin Bernstein:

Officer Bernstein noted that the next meeting of the Senate would be the last of the year. Several elections would be held, directed by the Committee on Committees. To make sure the current Senate roster was correct, the January 2002 version was distributed. Please make sure your division is correct and your last year is correctly noted. Report any problems to the Secretary, Glenn Galau.

Several departments left the College this year, so reapportionment will be more significant. The By-laws state that there should be two senators from each of the 13 largest departments. If a department is new to this list, an additional senator must be elected for next year. If a department has been removed from the list, the senior senator from that department will serve out his/her normal term.

Regarding the two resolutions regarding class withdrawals that were passed at the last meeting: The first is already College policy, and the second has been sent to the Executive Committee of the University Council, which passed it to the Educational Affairs Committee for its consideration.

5. Comments by Dean Wyatt Anderson:

Dean Anderson reported that his office was involved with salary decisions with each department head. It is likely that the overall pool will be 3.25%, depending on Legislature approval. As has been usual in the past, 20% of that pool will be set aside in each department to address inequities in salary. Furthermore, the Dean's office will retain 0.15% for counter-offers. That leaves a pool of about 2.5% for normal salary increases.

The Dean announced that the Hamilton-Holmes Professorship will be filled by Reginald Mcknight, currently Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Michigan. Again a reminder to the Senators and others in their departments about the Freshman Seminars. They are fun, and they have a real impact on the students and faculty. They can be in any area, not just in your specialty.

Finally, the faculty in Dance has asked to transfer from the Physical Education Department into the Franklin College as a Fine Arts Department. It has four faculty and offers an AB and a BFA.

6. Committee Reports:

Academic Standards: Randolph Clarke (Philosophy) reported that the committee met on 25 February and approved two petitions, denied 7 petitions, and approved one application for a posthumous degree.

Admissions: John Brewer (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) reported that the committee had approved 3 petitions.

Committee on Committees: No report.

Curriculum: No report.

Planning: No report.

Professional Concerns: Chair Ben Blount (Anthropology) gave a summary of a written report to the Senate

(see Attachment). Senator Rumely (Mathematics) gave a lengthy report on the composition and activities of the Parking Plan Task Force. It has 25 students, 1 employee, 1 staff, and 1 faculty (Senator Rumely). Students tended to dominate the Task Force, so Rumely encouraged additional faculty input and attendance at the meetings.

The main task of the committee is to determine how to allocate permits. He described various criteria and priorities. The method(s) was still very much in flux, and other issues and rules will have to be settled this summer. It was his opinion that the process could not be reversed.

Senator Rumely described an algorithm, designed mostly by himself, that he believed would be useful in the actual allocating of the permits once the priorities are determined. So at least it appeared that this part of the process would work.

An extensive discussion followed Senator Rumely's summary. Potential problems were raised by senators which Rumely believed were not yet raised, or fully considered, within the Task Force, including provisions for teaching across campus, provision for multipass-type permits, the impacts on the campus and city bus systems, provisions for off-campus parking lots such as used here during the Olympics.

Motion by John Brewer (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology): The Faculty Senate asks that the Administration withdraw the new Parking Plan in its entirety, pending consultation with faculty, staff, employees, and students.

After a second, and discussion of how to proceed with such a motion, Ben Blount (Anthropology) moved to refer the motion to committee. This was seconded. After extensive discussion, the motion to defer to committee was defeated by a vote of 10 Yes and 23 No.

The Motion was then approved by a vote of 27 Yes, 3 No, and 3 Abstain. Discussion about what to do with the approved statement resulted in an informal motion to send it to the Executive Committee of the University Council and to also send it, as an informational item, to Administrators, other colleges, and student and staff organizations.

7. Old Business:

Robert Phillips of the Steering Committee presented a motion regarding the so-called Fletcher memo of 11 December 2001, regarding two items "generally considered to be under the sole control of the Senate.

This matter had already been referred to the Curriculum Committee, which had not yet presented a formal motion. Officer Bernstein read the memo to the senate. After more discussion, the senate voted unanimously to again forward the matter to the Curriculum Committee and to charge it with reporting back specific recommendations.

8. New Business: From the Steering Committee, the request below, which was published in the Agenda, was unanimously approved. Thus the motion should read:

The Senate voices our strong support to the Graduate School in its efforts to obtain funding for participation of all University of Georgia Graduate Teaching Assistants in the University-sponsored health plans, or to seek a comparable alternative.

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Submitted by Glenn Galau

ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES

Professional Concerns Committee – Report to the Faculty Senate, 26 March 2002

The Professional Concerns Committee met on March 13 and gave consideration to five items that have been assigned to us.

1. As instructed by the Faculty Senate, the Professional Concerns Committee contacted the office of Vice President Henry Huckaby to follow up on the motions of the Senate concerning football parking (17 November 2001). The report containing the motions were received in Vice President Huckaby's office, and copies were forwarded to:

Mr. Damon M. Evans, Associate Athletic Department
Mr. George Stafford, Associate Vice President, Accounting Division
Ms. Joyce Hardman, Department Manager, Administration, Auxiliary Services
Ms. Jennifer Tougas, Assistant Parking Services Manager

Mr. Stafford is the supervisor of Ms. Hardman, who is in charge of the Parking Task Force and who is assisted by Ms. Tougas. The items raised in the letter were placed on the agenda for the 17 January 2002 meeting of the Parking Task Force. The agenda items relevant to the Senate motions were:

(5) Football Parking

b) There should be a separate meeting between housing, parking and athletic association to discuss the specifics of gameday procedures.

c) The regulations that are published, posted and enforced need to be consistent.

d) Need to increase the ease with which people can come to and leave campus for work purposed before games.

A request to Ms. Tougas about the status of those items has not as yet had a response. The Parking Task Force is likely more concerned at the present with the University Parking Plan.

2. The Professional Concerns Committee was asked by the Executive Committee to inquire about the need for a poll of the college faculty on the performance of the Dean of the College. According to Faculty Senate Policies and Procedures, the faculty are to be polled each fifth year of a Dean's tenure. Although this is the tenth year of Dean Anderson's tenure, the first year was in an acting capacity and therefore does not apply to the ten-year period. A poll of the faculty will need to be carried out in the Spring of 2003.

3. The Professional Concerns Committee has concluded its work on the grievance case involving a letter of non-renewal to a non-tenured faculty member and has forwarded its recommendation in an advisory capacity to Dean Anderson.

4. The Professional Concerns Committee was asked to look into current policy concerning the availability of newly arrived issues of journals in the Science Library. Dr. Gary Love has taken the lead in pursuing this issue and will give a report for the Committee.

5. The Professional Concerns Committee was asked to represent the Senate and A&S Faculty in relation to the University Parking Plan. Dr. Robert Rumely has taken the lead in pursuit of this issue and will give a report for the Committee. The Committee anticipates having action items on this topic for the April Faculty Senate meeting.