

**Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin college of Arts & Sciences  
April 14, 2005**

1. Call to Order

Presiding Officer Douglas Crowe [Geology] called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM in Room 101 of the Student Learning Center.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Roger Stahl for Christine Harold [Speech Communications], Wendy Zomlefer for Barry Palevitz [Plant Biology], Richard Morrison for Gert-Jans Boons [Chemistry], Yuri Balashov for Richard Winfield [Philosophy], Jim Coverdill for Tom McNulty [Sociology].

Absences: Peter Brosius [Anthropology], Charles Davis [Drama and Theatre], Marly Eidsness [Chemistry], Rebecca Enghauser [Dance], Laura Mason [History]

Visitors: Joel Caughran [Chemistry]

Total: 38 Present, 5 Absent, 1 Visitor

3. The minutes from 22 February 2005 were approved.

4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Douglas Crowe:

On Monday, 25 April at 3:30 there will be a Franklin College Faculty meeting in 248 SLC. Encourage other faculty to attend because by-laws changes will be voted upon.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Steering: The committee examined the Policies and Procedures document. The new organization is good but needs some editing. The committee recommends that the senate ask the college to find someone to maintain the document.
- b. Committee on Committees
- c. Academic Standards [Adam Parkes, English]: The Academic Standards Committee met on Friday 8 April to review 12 petitions. Four were approved and eight denied.
- d. Admissions
- e. Curriculum: The committee met on April 1, 2005. We reviewed and acted on the following ten items:
  - Approved. The Lamar Dodd School of Art proposed that students be *required* to take two 3000-level ARHI courses before taking a 4000-level ARHI course. Previously, the department had recommended, but not required, those two courses.

- Approved. We approved changes to the Minor in Computer Science.
- Approved. We approved a request by the Comparative Literature Department that KREN 4001 and 4002 be added to the list of courses that fulfill requirements for the Korean minor.
- Approved. The School of Music sought to make corrections to the on-line bulletin regarding degree requirements.
- Approved. The Department of German and Slavic Languages sought to include additional course options for the Russian major and minor.
- Approved. The Department of English requested that upper-division ENGL courses taken through Independent and Distance Learning *not* count towards the major.
- Tabled (clarification sought). The Institute for African American Studies sought to make a number of changes to their course requirements. Prior to the meeting, clarification was sought regarding (a) what changes were being requested and (b) brief rationales for the changes. Clarification has yet to be received as of 4/14. We will continue to seek clarification.
- Approved. The Department of Plant Biology sought to clarify options among a set of courses required for the major.
- Approved. MATH 2250 (Calculus I for Science and Engineering) was approved for Core Areas A and D. MATH 2260 (Calculus II for Science and Engineering) was approved for Core Areas D.
- Tabled (clarification sought). Changes to the Biology major requirements were sought. Prior to the meeting, clarification was sought regarding (a) what changes were being requested and (b) brief rationales for the changes. Clarification has yet to be received as of 4/14. We will continue to seek clarification.

f. Planning

g. Professional Concerns

## 6. Old Business

- Vote on revision of Article V of the College by-laws regarding student grade appeals [Adam Parkes, English]. Motion passes, 32-0. Two friendly amendments were made to the document:
  - Under departmental-level action, item #3 -- Faculty are required to submit their explanation for assigning a grade in writing to the committee. Motion Passes, 22-7-0.
  - Under departmental-level action, item #3 – A grade appeal committee must consist of at least three members. Motion passes, 25-2-0.
- Vote on revision of Article IV of the College by-laws regarding voting procedures in Department head searches [Randy Hammond, Psychology]. Motion passes, 32-0.

7. New Business

- Alexei Kojevikov [History] raised concerns about academic freedom, the rights of faculty members to place items on the agenda for a departmental meeting and the use of faculty e-mail list. This is will be investigated by the Professional Concerns Committee.
- Election of the Senate presiding officer for 2005-06. Mitch Rothstein [Mathematics] was elected Presiding Officer and Jim Coverdill [Sociology] was elected Presiding Officer Pro Tem.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by Andrew Grundstein, Geography