

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences  
April 15, 2003  
Approved September 16, 2003

1. Call to Order:

Presiding Officer Ed Azoff [Math] called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM in Room B-2 of the Main Library.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Joseph Mendocino for Clanton Black [Biochemistry]  
Asen Kirin for Alisa Luxenberg [Art]  
Naomi Norman for Nancy Felson [Classics]  
Charles Doyle for Elissa Henken [English]  
Luis Correa-Diaz for Kevin DeLuca [Speech Comm] (?)  
Paul Schroeder for Douglas Crowe [Geology]  
Brian Binder for Randal Walker [Marine Science]

Absences: Marly Eidsness [Chemistry], David Leigh [Geography], Ikubolajeh Logan [Geography], Henning Meyer [Physics].

Visitors: Patricia Miller (Women's Studies), Bala Saraswati (Dance)

Deans: Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg, Dean Wyatt Anderson.

Senate Total: 29 Present, 7 Proxies, 4 Absent.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Senate Meetings:

Minutes for the Feb. 20, 2003 and March 11, 2003 meetings were approved. 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) 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.

4b) On Thursday, 4/24/03 from 3:30-5:00 PM in Room 137 of the Tate Center, the Promotion-Tenure Revisions Committee will hold an open meeting to discuss the current draft of their proposal. It is believed that they have

accepted most of the revisions which our senate proposed to them earlier this year.

4c) Provost Mace has responded to our earlier resolution concerning the 'teaching increase' for 2003-2004 and has reiterated his opinion that this is a temporary measure which should be in effect for 1 year only.

4d) We have received a more negative response from Mark Lusk, Associate Provost for International Education, in response to our resolution concerning the imposition of SEVIS fees on international students. He says that his office has investigated this matter and found that charging \$50/semester as a fee is 'not out of line' with what is being done at other major universities with respect to this matter.

4e) The Senate must be careful to transmit all records and policies passed during one year forward to the next group of officers. I'll do my best to ensure that my successor receives everything which s/he should. The minutes should be kept current via the Senate web-site.

4f) I thank all of my fellow senators for serving so selflessly this year. I feel that we accomplished a lot.

#### 5. Comments by Dean Wyatt Anderson and Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg:

5a) The new School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) has submitted its requirements for a AB/BS degree to our College, and we have no objections to these, since they are very similar to our requirements. The college feels that this is an acceptable AB degree for another college within the university to offer.

5b) On the other hand, the College is still strongly opposed to the general principle of allowing other colleges to grant AB/BS degrees that are not comparable to ours. Dean (Wyatt) Anderson is on a University Committee to review this, but feels that most of the other Deans have already decided that they are in favor of allowing this to happen. At this time, he feels that our best strategy is not to fight the general motion, but to try to influence other colleges to set their AB/BS degree requirements so that they are similar to those which currently exist in the College.

#### 6. Committee Reports:

6a) Academic Standards Committee (Chair: Barbara McCaskill; English):  
The committee met on Thursday 3/27/03. The committee reviewed 13 petitions. Of these, 8 were approved, 2 were denied, and 3 were tabled for further

information. The committee also presented a statement concerning grade inflation which will be an action item in today's meeting.

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

The committee met on Monday 4/07/03 and reviewed four petitions. They were all approved.

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

The committee met on Friday, 3/24/03. They approved the following 9 items:

- \* Proposal for an A.B. degree in International Affairs.  
This is an action item for today's meeting.
- \* Proposal for a high demand status for the Criminal Justice program.
- \* Proposal to upgrade the Women's Studies Program to the Women's Studies Institute. This is an action item for today's meeting.
- \* Request to review the rule that enforces students to use no more than 15 hours of courses from their major department in general electives. (This item had been tabled from the previous meeting.) This is an action item for today's meeting.
- \* Request to count SPAN 4081 and SPAN 4082 to satisfy the Fine Arts requirement.
- \* Proposal for a BFA in Dance.  
This is an action item for today's meeting.
- \* Proposal for the conversion of B.S.Ed. degree to an A.B. degree in Dance.  
This is an action item for today's meeting.
- \* Bulletin revisions for the Speech Communications Degree requirements.
- \* Revisions to the minor in Biology.

The committee approved 13 courses submitted in CAPA from 6 different departments. Of these approvals, 5 concerned modifications to existing courses, while 8 created new courses. These involved 5 undergraduate courses, 3 split-level undergrad/grad courses, and 5 graduate courses.

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

There was no report presented from this committee.

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

University Council Elections are complete. 6 new representatives elected from Arts & Sciences are: Irwin Bernstein (Psychology), Malcolm Adams (Math), J. Scott Shaw (Physics & Astronomy), Noell Fallows (Romance Languages), Stephen Scheer (Art), Robert Maier (Microbiology). One seat from the Biological Sciences Division remains vacant as of now. All of the above are elected for a 3-year term, through the end of the 2005-2006 academic year.

6f) Steering Committee: (Report by Norman Armstrong; Genetics)

The Steering Committee met prior to this meeting to prepare the agenda for today's meeting. The committee reminded the Senate of some of the issues which it (the committee) had, in a pro-active role, brought before the Senate this year. Finally, the committee requested a straw poll of the Senate to see what the opinion would be towards inviting Provost Mace to speak at the first Senate meeting in Fall 2003. The opinion was favorable.

6g) Committee on Committees: (Report by Stephen Cooney; Sociology)

The committee has prepared two slates of nominees for 2003-04 committees, one for the Awards Committee and one for the next Committee on Committees. These will be voted on in Action Items at today's meeting.

7) Action Items

7a) Election of Presiding Officer for 2003-04

Nancy Felson (Classics) was elected with no opposition.

7b) Election of President Pro-Tem for 2003-04

Jim Anderson (Chemistry) and Alisa Luxenberg (Art) were nominated. Alisa Luxenberg was elected.

7c) Election of Committee on Awards for 2003-04

Two were nominated in each division. The results are as follows: From Biological Sciences, Mark Farmer (Cellular Biology) def. Gregory Schmidt (Plant Biology). From Fine Arts, Jean Martin-Williams (Music) def. Kenneth Williams (Art). From Language and Literature, Jared Klein (Classics) def. Tom Peterson (Romance Languages). From Social Sciences, Alexandra Brewis-Slade def. William Finlay (Sociology) after a recount. Finally, in Physical Sciences, Nigel Adams (Chemistry) ran unopposed and was elected.

7d) Election of Committee on Committees for 2003-04

The slate proposed by the committee was approved without dissent by

the Senate. They are: Fine Arts: Michael Marshall (Art); Language and Literature: Marjanne Gooze (German); Biological Sciences: Randall Walker (Marine Sciences); Physical Sciences: James Anderson (Chemistry) and Social Sciences: Randolph Clarke (Philosophy). James Anderson was appointed temporary chair.

7e) Grade Inflation Statement. The Academic Standards committee presented a statement on grade inflation. This seemed to raise more questions and comments. Among them were:

- A) Is grade inflation relevant (at UGA over time, compared to other Univ.) ?
- B) Who is the target of this statement ? (Students, Faculty, Parents ?)
- C) Can a faculty member's teaching evaluations be obtained by students ?
- D) Should we say "grades don't count" ?
- E) This statement could be posted on the Senate web-page.
- F) This statement should include feedback from some employers concerning what they look for in hiring students.

7f) Proposal for an A.B. in International Affairs. Approved without dissent.

7g) Proposal for an Institute of Women's Studies. Approved without dissent.

7h) Proposal for a B.F.A. in Dance. Approved without dissent.

7i) Proposal to convert B.S.Ed. in Dance to B.A. in Dance. Approved without dissent.

7j) Proposal to discard the rule that requires students to use not more than 15 hours of courses from their major department in general electives. Approved without dissent.

8) Old Business

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

9) New Business

Presiding Officer Azoff [Math] thanked the President Pro-Tem (Juergen Wiegel; Microbiology) and the Secretary (Jaxk Reeves; Statistics) for assisting him this year.

10) Next Meeting:

There are no more scheduled Senate meetings this year. The Dean will

address the College in his annual meeting with the faculty on Tue. 4/22/03 at 3:30 PM in Room B-2 of the Main Library. The next meeting of the Senate will be set by next year's steering committee, and should be during the first two weeks of the Fall semester.

11) Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM.

Submitted by Jaxk Reeves, Statistics