

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences – Apr. 20, 2006

1. Call to Order
 - a. Presiding Officer Mitch Rothstein [Mathematics] called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm in Room 2B of the Main Library.
2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:
 - a. Proxies: 3 (Mitos Andaya for Roy Legette, Music; Erika Hermanowicz for Asen Kirin, School of Art; Amy Ross for Andy Grundstein, Geography)
 - b. Absences: 14 (Brent Berlin, Gert-Jan Boons, Haini Cai, Stacey Casado, Jim De Haset, Kenneth Honerkamp, Tom McNulty, Joseph Mendicino, Barry Palevitz, Adam Parkes, Susan Roberts, Mike Roden, Lijiang Shen, Jim Wright)
 - c. Visitors: 0
 - d. Total: 29 Present.
3. The minutes from March 30, 2006 were approved.
4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Mitch Rothstein:
 - a. There will be a full faculty meeting April 27 at the CCRC Auditorium at 3:30pm.
 - b. The main agenda on that meeting will be a discussion of the proposed amendment to the Grade Appeal bylaw, which will come to a vote of the faculty one week after the faculty meeting.
 - c. Thanks for a year of service from the Franklin College Faculty Senate.
5. Comments by Dean Garnett Stokes:
 - a. The College is wrapping up faculty recruiting but is still in the process of selecting Heads of the Lamar School of Art and Biochemistry.
 - b. The budget is still pending, but it appears that average merit raises will be 4% with a maximum up to 8%. Raises will be leveraged to deal with salary compression.
 - c. Regarding the College budget, faculty recruitment is being planned for next year, the Board of Regents has approved tuition increases and a lot may ride on this. A 5% increase would be the minimum so that we would not suffer consequences due to energy/health cost increases. There will be a 7% increase for incoming freshmen, but held constant for 4 years.
 - d. Thanks to the Faculty Senate for their service.
 - e. The Annual Report will be given at Faculty Meeting next week.
 - f. Questions and answers on budget issues and faculty salaries:
 - i. We will continue to issue merit raises in January, rather than in the fall.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Committees: Corresponding and have revised list of nominees for the Awards Selection Committee.
 - b. Academic Standards: Have not met. Anne Summers raised a concern about the upcoming vote on the Grade Appeals policy, that it may go against AAUP guidelines.
 - c. Admissions: no report

- d. Curriculum: approved some changes in the MA in Classics, Criminal Justice, and Film Studies.
- e. Planning: nothing to report
- f. Professional Concerns: Nothing to report
- g. Steering: nothing to report

7. Agenda

- a. Selection of the Awards Committee
 - i. Committee on Committees (Mitos Andaya) presented a new list of candidates for the Awards Selection Committee. Ballots and information on candidates were given to the Faculty members.
 - ii. Discussion on candidates and process of selection
 - iii. The faculty voted by written ballot.
 - iv. Charles Keith (Biological Sciences), Sylvia Pannell (Fine Arts), Hubert McAlexander (Language), Thiab Taha (Physical Sciences), Elizabeth Brient (Social Sciences) were elected.
- b. Proposed reorganization of the Policy and Procedures Manual
 - i. The FCFS website has a link to a proposed reorganization of the Policy and Procedures Manual into three distinct sections – “Current”, “Resolutions”, and “Archives”.
 - ii. The new organization was passed without discussion.
- c. The following officers were elected for next years’ Senate:
Anne Summers, Presiding officer,
Elham Izadi, Pro Tem
- d. The following senators were chosen for next year’s Committee on Committees:
Lisa Fusillo, Fine Arts
Sarah Blackwell, Language and Literature
Adrian Burd, Biological Sciences
Jim Wright, Physical Sciences
Keith Campbell, Social Sciences

8. Adjourned, 4:34pm.