

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences – August 25, 2005

1. Call to Order
 - a. Presiding Officer Mitch Rothstein [Mathematics] called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Room 150 of the Student Learning Center
2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:
 - a. Proxies: Elizabeth Bryant for Richard Winfield [Philosophy]
 - b. Absences: Elois Ann Berlin, Gert-Jan Boons, Haini Cai, Stacey Casado, Lisa Fusillo, Christine Harold, Kenneth Honerkamp, Alexei Kojevnikov, Barry Palevitz
 - c. Visitors: none reported
3. The minutes from April 14, 2005 were approved
4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Mitch Rothstein:
 - a. Thanks to the Committee on Committees for their work putting together this year's committees.
 - b. Upcoming events
 - i. On Tuesday 9/6 at 3:30pm there will be a meeting of the Franklin College Faculty, to debate and discuss amendments to bylaws, approved by last year's senate, regarding grade appeals, and the method of choosing department heads.
 - ii. Provost Mace will address the senate at the November meeting.
5. Comments by Dean Garnett Stokes:
 - a. There are no budget cuts planned or this fiscal year.
 - b. This will be a rebuilding year, with priority on filling faculty lines.
 - c. Many departments are down MANY lines. All money will be put toward recruitment.
 - d. Thirty-nine recruitments have been authorized, from new funds from the Provost; 19 from non-renewals and resignations. It is hoped that 13 will be authorized from retirements. Deans must justify each position in the last group, regarding their consistency with departments' 5-year plans.
 - e. Startup funds waiting on new Vice President for Research.
 - f. The college is committing \$2.4M to faculty recruitment in salary.
 - g. The Promotion and Tenure process is currently ongoing. New guidelines are being implemented.
 - h. On the agenda: revise College 5-year plan, implement recommendations of Task Force on General Education/Student Learning.
 - i. The Dean then answered questions from Senate faculty members.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Academic Standards (8/11/05) : did not meet over summer, but reviewed appeals by students, 3 approved and 3 denied.
 - b. Admissions : did not meet over summer, reviewed 4 petitions, approved 3 and denied 1.
 - c. Curriculum Committee Report

Submitted on August 25, 2005 by Jim Coverdill (2004-05 Committee Chair)

The committee was asked by the Academic Standards Committee at the end of April to consider several issues. By way of a series of email exchanges, we reviewed and acted on the following three issues.

1. *A student requested that CMLT 4245 count towards the multicultural requirement.* Our committee supported this request. Two actions were taken. First, we initiated the processes whereby this course will be included among the many courses that meet the multicultural requirement. Second, we sent the matter back to the Academic Standards Committee, with our recommendation, because it was not clear that our effort to include this course among those meeting the requirement would be sufficiently expeditious to solve this particular student's problem. We thus recommended that an exemption be allowed for the student, an action to be taken by the Academic Standards Committee.

2. *Two students requested that ARGD 3020 count as an Area D course.* Our committee supported this request and sent the matter back to the Academic Standards Committee because it was not clear that we had the authority to approve or enact specific requests of this sort (we typically deal with general issues). Importantly, the committee did not move to include ARGD 3020 as a regular course in Area D.

3. *A student requested that a course taken elsewhere be allowed to meet the environmental literacy requirement.* Our committee supported this request. We sent the matter back to the Academic Standards Committee (with our recommendation) for the same reasons indicated in item 2, above.

End of committee reports for this meeting.

7. Election of Dr. John Wares (Genetics) to Secretary of Faculty Senate (approved)
8. List of Committees Provided (approved)
9. No old business
10. No new business recommended for Agenda for 9/15/05 meeting
11. Faculty Senate adjourned 4:30pm, committees convened to choose chairpersons.