

**Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, August 29, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.**

Approved on September 20, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm in SLC 250, William Barstow presiding.

Members/Proxies Present: Yuri Balashov (Philosophy), William Barstow (Plant Biology), Adrian Burd (Marine Sciences), J. P. Caillault (Physics), Keith Campbell (Psychology, also proxy for Michael Kernis), Stacey Casado (Romance Lang.), Mario Erasmo (Classics), Shane Hamilton (History), Joe Hermanowicz (Sociology), Kenneth Honerkamp (Religion), Roy Kennedy (Music), Edward Kipreos (Cellular Biology), Asen Kirin (Art), Kristin Kundert-Gibbs (Theatre & Film), Hilda Kurtz (Geography), Roy Legette (Music), David Lowenthal (Computer Science), Gordana Matic (Mathematics), Bill McCormick (Statistics), Ron Miller (English), Masaki Mori (Comp. Lit.), Kanzo Nakayama (Physics), Vladimir Popik (Chemistry); Dawn Robinson (Sociology), Bridgitte Rossbacher (Germanic & Slavic Lang), Paul Schliekelman (Statistics), Lijiang Shen (Speech), Marshall Shepherd (Geography), Jake Short (History), Roy Smith (Mathematics, proxy for Shuzhou Wang), Eric Stabb (Microbiology), Mike Tiemeyer (Biochemistry), Bram Tucker (Anthropology), John Wares (Genetics)

Members Not Present: Steve Dalton (Biochemistry), Jim DeHaseth (Chemistry), Charles Doyle (English), Lisa Fusillo (Dance), Michael Hahn (Plant Biology), Thomas Houser (Art), Betina Kaplan (Romance Lang.), Alberto Patino-Douce (Geology)

1. Presiding Officer William Barstow's Remarks:

Dr. Barstow spoke of the importance of faculty governance and the role of the Faculty Senate. He will act as liaison to the University Council for Faculty Senate. He emphasized that the Faculty Senate does most of its work through committees, so active participation is necessary.

As part of an effort to formalize procedures and policies of the Senate, Robert's Rules of Order were handed out to all members present; Senators are requested to read and familiarize themselves with the rules. Senate Bylaws were also circulated. A new system of attendance cards has been created to help determine whether departments need to re-elect senators, since any senator who misses two consecutive meetings in one academic year without sending a proxy is deemed to have left the seat vacant.

Dr. Barstow presented the officers of the Senate for 2007-2008: Keith Campbell is Presiding Officer Pro-Tem; Shane Hamilton is Secretary; Michael Hahn is Chair of Steering Committee; Adrian Burd is Chair of Committee on Committees. Debbie Goswick in the Dean's office assists with Senate administrative issues.

2. Recognition of proxies
Roy Smith (Mathematics) for Shuzhou Wang (Mathematics); Keith Campbell (Psychology) for Michael Kernis (Psychology)
3. Motion by Adrian Hurd, seconded by Keith Campbell, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2007. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Associate Dean Ruppensburg Remarks
Associate Dean Ruppensburg spoke on the importance of Faculty Senate Committees. The Curriculum committee reviews proposals for new programs, degrees, modifying courses, and establishing new courses. Academic Standards deals with student petitions. Admissions Committee hears requests from students seeking re-entry. Professional Concerns hears faculty affairs issues and grievances. Planning assists the Dean in directing College work. The Dean's office relies on Faculty Senate committees to act on issues of importance.
5. Committee Reports
Adrian Burd, Chair of Committee on Committees, reported that most Faculty Senators have been assigned to committees. Some members who are not yet assigned may need to be assigned in the future.
A motion to accept the report of the Committee on Committees was made by Dawn Robinson (Sociology), seconded by John Wares (Genetics), and passed unanimously.
6. Old Business
No old business.
7. New Business
 - a. Childcare campaign
Shane Hamilton (History) presented on the ongoing campaign to improve childcare options for staff, faculty, and students at the University of Georgia. Discussion ensued on the importance of child care for improving faculty and staff productivity and boosting efforts at recruitment and retention of young faculty. A rally in support of the childcare campaign will be held September 27 at 2:30pm at the Tate Center. Shane Hamilton proposed introducing a motion for the Senate to consider at its next meeting; any interested Senators are requested to send ideas to him at <shamilto@uga.edu>.
 - b. Bylaw revisions
Presiding Officer Barstow proposed creating an ad hoc committee on Bylaws Revision to discuss possible changes to the Faculty Senate's bylaws. Brigitte Rossbacher (Germanic & Slavic Lang.) volunteered to serve on this ad hoc committee.

c. Meeting of committees of the senate

Senate committees met and elected chairs for the 2007-2008 academic year. The elected chairs are:

Academic: Joe Hermanowicz

Admissions: Charles Doyle

Committee on Committees: Adrian Burd

Curriculum: Vladimir Popik

Planning: John Wares

Professional Concerns: J. P. Caillault

Steering: Michael Hahn

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shane Hamilton
Secretary