

## Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

September 20, 2001

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Attendance revised on January 15, 2002

**1. Call to Order:** Presiding Officer Irwin Bernstein called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

### **2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:**

**Proxies:** Please note that the Bylaws state that proxies must be members of the Senator's department. Kenzie Cameron for Bonnie Dow (Speech Communication); Vern Meentemeyer for Ikubolajeh Logan (Geography); Senator Stephen Valdez for Jean Martin (Music); Senator Claudio Saunt for Reinaldo Roman (History); Kenneth Honerkamp for David Williams (Religion); Senator Krys Kochut (Computer Science) for Jacek Gaertig (Cellular Biology). **Absent:** Dezco Benedek - Second Absence- (Comparative Literature), Wei-Jun Cai - Second Absence- (Marine Sciences); and Robert Lund (Statistics). 38 Present; 3 absent. **Visitors:** None.

**3. Approval of the Minutes for August 23, 2001:** The Minutes were approved as written.

### **4. Remarks by the Presiding Officer:**

Officer Bernstein again outlined ways in which Senators or interested Faculty could get items on the Senate Agenda. They can contact the Senate Steering Committee directly, or contact himself, who will pass it the Steering Committee.

Bernstein said that he had alerted the Steering Committee regarding concerns about the apparently conflicting rules about Faculty and Staff parking before Home Games.

Regarding the Senate's election of Committee Chairs during the 18 August 2001 meeting, Bernstein noted that the Bylaws specify that the Committee members elect their own Chairs. He suggested, without objection, that the Senate had elected Temporary Chairs whose responsibility was to start the business of the Committees, including elections of their own Chairs.

Bernstein again mentioned that the Senate should be proactive, especially in the work of its Committees. The Planning Committee, in particular, should consider changes and anticipate future challenges.

There is a minor problem concerning the Senators from English, arising from confusion about the number and terms of the Senators. Because the By-Laws state that Senators cannot succeed themselves, neither new

Senator McCaskill nor the Senator she replaced, Elizabeth Kraft, can be immediately reelected. He asked the Steering Committee to make their recommendation.

Bernstein also asked the Admissions Committee to coordinate with the larger University, in particular regarding the announced plans in enrollment in the College of Business.

##### **5. Remarks by Dean Wyatt Anderson:**

Dean Anderson reported that the College Finances began the new fiscal year in good shape. Travel money to departments was increased to \$1,000 per faculty member, but was to be redistributed within departments based on need of each faculty member.

The College again was involved in recruiting a large number of new faculty. Last year, 53 faculty were recruited and this year the number is 54. These large numbers result mostly from a large number of retirements.

In regards to the proposed BS in Applied Biotechnology in the School of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, to be discussed in today's Senate meeting, Dean Anderson expressed concern about preserving the current requirements of the BS degree, which along with the AB degree, is offered and controlled, solely by the College of Arts and Sciences. The Dean did not see an end-point if other Colleges were allowed to offer their own versions of BS or AB degrees, and he had informed David Knauft, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, that he would not support their proposed BS degree unless the Senate approved it. The Dean finished by urging that the Senate give the proposal careful consideration.

Question by Edward Azoff (Mathematics); what is the status of the new School of Public and International Affairs, and what degrees are they planning on offering?

Answer by the Dean: An Interim Dean has been appointed, and the budget of the Department of Political Science will be retained by Arts and Sciences until the end of the fiscal year.

Comment by Paul Gurian (Political Science): There has been no discussion so far about changing the names of degrees offered by the new College.

Comment by Ben Blunt (Anthropology): Also questioned the rationale for offering a BS in the School of Agriculture.

Question by John Brewer (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology): What is the status of the proposed engineering program/school?

Answer by the Dean: There already is a program in Biological and Agricultural Engineering in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. There is substantial expertise in various aspects of engineering on this campus. Those interested are considering a Faculty of Engineering and a General Engineering Degree. The Georgia Institute of Technology has in the past blocked the development of engineering at UGA.

## 6. Committee Reports:

**Academic Standards:** Chair David Leigh (Geography); the committee had not met this year, but reported results of two meetings during the summer.

**Admissions:** Chair Mark Cooney (Sociology); the committee had not met this year, but reported results of three meetings during the summer.

**Curriculum:** Chair Gene Wright (Art); the committee met on 31 August. In addition to routine review of courses, the committee had five action items, listed in the Agenda, for consideration by the Senate later in today's meeting.

**Professional Concerns:** Chair Roy Blunt (Anthropology); no report.

**Planning:** Member Hennig Meyer (Physics and Astronomy); the committee has not elected a Chair. No further report.

**Steering:** Chair Robert Phillips; no report.

**Committee on Committees:** Chair Glenn Galau (Botany) noted that several Senators who were elected to committees during the 18 August meeting had resigned, with most being replaced, before the 18 August meeting without their departments informing the Dean's Office or the Senate.

Therefore he moved that replacement Senators be elected to serve on the committee to which the Senator they were replacing had been elected. Because Genetics refused to replace Mary Bedel, Galau proposed that Gary Barrett (Ecology) fill her committee assignment because Barrett was the only as-yet unassigned Senator from Biological Sciences (Galau gave his apologies to Gary Barrett, and told him to blame Genetics). This motion was approved with 35 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

Gary Barrett (Ecology) replaces Mary Bedel (Genetics) on Academic Standards

Barbara McCaskill (English) replaces Elizabeth Kraft (English) on Academic Standards

Reinaldo Roman (History) replaces Michael Kwass (History) on Committee on Committees

Juergen Wiegel (Microbiology) replaces Pamela Jones (Microbiology) on Curriculum

Paul Gurian (Political Science) replaces Christopher Allen (Political Science)

## 7. Action Items from the Curriculum Committee:

Chair Gene Wright reported that the Curriculum Committee recommended that the Senate approve all five of the following Proposals, each of which was outlined in documents mailed earlier to the members.

**1. Proposal for a joint JD/MPA degree:** Approved with 35 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

**2. Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Certificate in Engineering Physics** (Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and Department of Physics and Astronomy in the College of Arts and Sciences):

Question from Elissa R. Henken (English): How would administration responsibilities be assigned across the

two colleges/departments?

Answer from Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg: The Senate would not usually consider such details.

Comment from Henken: I was asking for information I think is relevant to the adequacy of the proposal.

Answer from Ruppensburg: Several options are possible.

Comment from David Leigh (Geography): Several other programs similar to the one proposed here have successfully dealt with these potential issues.

Approved with 35 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

### **3. Proposal for CMLT 2500 to be added to the core:**

Comment by Associate Dean Ruppensburg: The request is that this course be defined as a Literature course, which would satisfy the College's Literature requirement. The course can already satisfy Area C of the core. Approval by the Committee is routinely all that is required.

Approved with 35 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.

### **4. Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Leadership Certificate in Personal and Organizational Leadership (College of Business and College of Arts and Sciences):**

Approved with 35 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.

### **5. BS Degree in Applied Biotechnology (College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences):**

Curriculum Chair Gene Wright noted that the committee did not discuss the issue of the BS designation for the proposed degree.

Comments by James Anderson (Chemistry): He had several concerns about the proposed curriculum and had specific suggestions regarding changes in which Organic Chemistry courses should be included.

Extended comments by John Brewer (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology): Concerns about staffing; coordinators should have one person from Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; BCMB 4630, which is listed as a requirement, does not have the content or scheduling that is presumed; other negative comments.

Observation by Juergen Wiegel (Microbiology): His department was not consulted, and he strongly doubted his department would support the proposal.

Chorus of similar observations and conclusions from Senators representing Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Botany, and several other departments. Dean Anderson said that Genetics would feel the same.

Conclusions by Charles Eidsvik (Drama) and John Brewer: The development of this proposal was unorthodox. The degree name should not be BS. The Senate should reject the Committee's motion to approve.

The motion to approve the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee (to approve the Biotechnology Proposal) was defeated with 0 yeas, 35 nays, and 1 abstention.

Motion from the floor: "The Senate directs the Curriculum Committee to provide the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences a summary of the Senate's discussion today of their proposal for the BS degree in Applied Biotechnology."

Amendment to the Motion: "The Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate specifically objects to the use of the BS degree in other Colleges".

The amendment to the motion was approved with 33 yeas, 3 nays, and 0 abstentions

Vote on the Amended Motion: approved with 34 yeas, 0 nays, and 2 abstentions.

**8. Old Business:** None

**9. New Business:**

Ervan Garrison (Geology) offered the following Resolution, composed by an unidentified Senator who had to leave earlier:

"Resolved: The Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate extends sympathy to all those impacted by the tragic events of the week just past. The Faculty Senate endorses efforts on the part of the College and University Community to turn this tragedy into an opportunity for reflection on the important issues these events have raised for the University of Georgia and our community."

The motion passed unanimously.

Observation by Robert Rumely (Mathematics): The rules about parking during home football games are unclear and unfair.

Response by Officer Bernstein: We should perhaps direct this to Professional Concerns, rather than Steering.

Directive by Officer Bernstein: The Steering Committee should investigate and determine exactly the powers of the Curriculum Committee [in approving items by itself, determining what items require Senate approval, and other matters appropriate to the Senate].

**10. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.**

Submitted by Glenn Galau