

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

October 23, 2001

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1. Call to Order: Presiding Officer Irwin Bernstein called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Kenzie Cameron for Bonnie Dow (Speech Communication); Joe Crim for Jacek Gaertig (Cellular Biology); Senator Nina Hellerstein for Steven Grossvogel (Romance Languages); Senator David Leigh for Ikubolajeh Logan (Geography); Senator Gene Wright for Alisa Luxenberg (Art); Richard Menke for Barbara McCaskill (English); Senator Edward Azoff for Robert Rumely (Mathematics). **Absent:** Gary Barrett (Ecology); Dezco Benedek - Third Absence- (Comparative Literature); Elean Krasnostchekova (Germanic and Slavic Languages); Steve Miller (Psychology); Reinaldo Roman (History); Claudio Saunt (History). 34 Present, 6 absent. **Visitors:** Antje Ascheid (Drama); Richard Neupert (Drama); Roy L. Moore (ACE Fellow - President's Office); Art Dunning (Vice President and Associate Provost, Public Service and Outreach); Helen Mills (Associate Vice President, Public Service and Outreach); Nancy Thompson (Independent Study, Georgia Center),

3. Remarks by the Presiding Officer:

Officer Bernstein reported that Joe Crim (Cellular Biology) had sent a letter to Bernstein, who forwarded it to the Steering Committee, regarding the annual matter of parking during home football games. Bernstein said that Professional Concerns already had been charged with investigating the matter and making recommendations, if any.

4. Remarks by Dean Wyatt Anderson:

Dean Anderson spoke at length about the Budget reductions mandated by the Governor and passed through by President Adams. Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg won the Office contest for the best term for the budget reductions: Negative Budget Enhancement. The College has been told to surrender 2.5% of its budget for this fiscal year and 5% of its budget for the next fiscal year. Both series of cuts are assumed to be permanent. Most of this must come from the Dean's Office. Normally, 95.3% of the budget is for salary.

For this year, the College is surrendering all 51 vacant faculty positions, some networking funds, late-year supply and expense supplements to departments, and other funds. Cases have been made to return a few key recruitment and instructor positions. Teaching Assistant and Temporary Instructor positions are fully engaged because of the approximately 650 additional students in the College this year. There is normally a

5% turnover in faculty every year, and many of these projected vacant positions (at the end of fiscal 2001-2002) will have to be surrendered to meet the requested 5% cut for fiscal year 2002-2003. The Dean believes the College will do better than it did 10 years ago when a 5% cut resulted in loss of summer research money, most of travel money and left some departments without phones or departmental staff. He said we are not alone, and that Georgia has had a robust economy and was hit later, and to a lesser extent, than adjacent states. There is hope that the state will also recover sooner. The Dean's Office is trying everything to gain additional funds but there are no firm predictions. There is no way to sugar coat the situation; it will affect us all and we are not alone.

The Dean introduced the visitors from the Independent Study Program and the Vice President and Associate Vice President of Public Service and Outreach, who would later present plans for an Adult College to allow adult students to make progress toward a degree in a way that also allowed them to receive financial aid. The Dean said that it would be a reasonable thing in which the College of Arts and Sciences could participate. It would be a service to the surrounding community with little cost to the College or its departments.

Question by Edward Azoff (Mathematics): Did the college really have that many vacant positions to surrender?

Answer by Dean Anderson: Yes. The number includes resignations and terminations in the college, which in the past have automatically been returned to the University (and most of these returned back to the College). We have also returned positions vacant because of retirements, which in the past have been retained in the College.

Question by Jean Martin (Music): Do these include positions that will become vacant through retirement this year?

Answer by Dean Anderson: Yes, positions that we know will be vacated by retirement as late as February 2002 have been returned. There are a few unfilled positions such as Georgia Research Alliance positions and the Holmes-Hunter position that have not been returned. Future retirement vacancies will go into a central pool and will be reapportioned back to departments on the basis of need and past losses of positions in that department.

5. Committee Reports:

Academic Standards: Chair David Leigh (Geography) reported that the committee met on 27 September and reviewed a total of 9 student petitions. Five petitions were approved, three petitions were denied, and one petition was sent to the department for support.

Admissions: Chair Mark Cooney (Sociology) reported ththe committee did not met regarding petitions, but did meet on the issue of how enrollment changes in the Business School will affect the College. The Committee interviewed representatives from the Dean's Office, the Business School, and the Registrar. Not sure we have all the facts, but we have a summary of our findings and predictions, which will be distributed now (see attachment). The following is a summary of Cooney's remarks, the document, and comments from Senators.

The Business School with 6,300 current students will reduce enrollment by two mechanisms. First, Freshmen

and Sophomores will not be able to enroll in the Business College. We assume 90% of these students (or about 2,820 students) will instead go to Arts and Sciences for their first two years. Second, the resulting Junior/Senior College will have significantly higher admission standards, resulting in about 1,360 Juniors and Seniors looking for other majors, of which about 75% (or about 1,020 students) are predicted to choose majors in several specific departments in Arts and Sciences. Further predictions are made in the document. Major financial impacts will be on advising of underclassmen by the College; possible large increases in language course enrollments (an extra 7,500 seats assuming they complete the 3-semester Arts and Science requirement rather than postpone language until they are accepted in the Business School, which does not have a language requirement); somewhat lower impact on other teaching at the lower level; up to 20,000 extra seats in upper-level courses.

Remarks by Officer Bernstein: I hope all the Senate committees will study this, follow developments, and make suggestions on how the College should meet this challenge.

Committee on Committees: Chair Glenn Galau (Botany); no report.

Curriculum: Chair Gene Wright (Art); the committee met on 12 October. In addition to routine review of courses, the committee approved four action items for consideration by the Senate. Documentation was sent earlier to all Senators. The Committee moved that all four items be approved.

1. 1000-Level Language Courses: Motion: "The Faculty Senate a) abolishes the blanket policy that students cannot receive credit for 1000-level language courses when that language was taken in high school, and b) lets the individual departments decide if such students may receive credit for 1000-level courses."

Motion was approved without objection.

2. Termination of Majors: It was noted that one of the terminations was of a masters program, over which the Senate has no authority.

The motion concerning all other terminations was approved without objection.

3. Proposed AB in Film Studies:

Motion approved with only 2 abstentions.

4. Change of degree name from MA Classics to MA Classical Languages:

It was noted that this is a graduate degree, over which the Senate has no authority. Furthermore, it is not a request to change the name of a department, as was mistakenly reported at an earlier Senate meeting, but rather the name of a degree.

No action required and none taken.

Planning: Member Michael Terns (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) said the committee has still not elected a Chair. No further report.

Some comments made by other Senators. Jean Martin (Music), a former member of the committee, offered to help. Officer Bernstein indicated that organizing the committee was very important and he would intervene if necessary to accomplish this.

Professional Concerns: Chair Roy Blunt (Anthropology); the committee has completed elections to the President's Faculty Advisory Committee. The winner of this election was Susan Quinlan from the Department of Romance Languages.

Although not organized or presented to the committee, Blunt did have some information about parking during home football games. 1) There are 8 types of UGA parking spots. 2) At 7 pm on Friday, the Athletic Association assumes control of their categories. In practice, this starts at 5:30 am on Saturday.

Jean Martin (Music) said that a letter had been sent to Steering. Packs of Motorhomes, members of the 'Coach Club', were parking on East Campus in lots adjacent to the Fine Arts Complex as early as 6 pm on Thursdays. This greatly interrupted instruction on Friday. Joe Crim (Cellular Biology) reported that a letter written by Parking Services claimed only a 6 am Saturday deadline with no mention of the 7 pm Friday deadline. Policies and Operating Rules apparently are different, and are probably different among the different controlling entities.

Motion from the floor: "The Professional Concerns Committee is charged with making a **recommendation** to the Senate regarding parking on home football weekends."

Motion carried without dissent.

Steering: Chair Robert Phillips; no report.

6. Old Business:

As reported by Officer Bernstein at the last Senate meeting, there is a minor problem concerning the Senators from English, arising from confusion about the number and terms of the Senators. Because the Bylaws state that Senators cannot succeed themselves, neither new Senator McCaskill nor the Senator she replaced, Elizabeth Kraft, can be immediately reelected. He had asked the Steering Committee to make their recommendation. As reported today, their motion is to suspend the Bylaws to allow these two individuals to run in the next election(s) in their department.

The motion was approved with 2 abstentions.

7. New Business:

An informational presentation was made concerning the proposed University of Georgia Adult College (UGAC) being organized by the Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach and by the Independent Study program of the Georgia Center. Subsequent interviews with the Curriculum Committee are expected regarding further details.

Art Dunning, Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, outlined the need for such a College. He noted

a charge from Senior Vice President and Provost Karen Holbrook to consolidate University resources to create a life-long learning opportunity for the citizens of the 15 near-by counties. Thomas Dyer, Vice President for Instruction, suggested it start with evening classes, equivalent to standard University classes, which would be taught by University faculty. Benefits would be both to the students and the teaching units. A working group has been established, composed of: Peter Shedd, Associate Vice President for Instruction; Ann Crowther, Associate Vice President for Instruction; Helen Mills (Associate Vice President for Public Service and Outreach); and Nancy Thompson (Independent Study, Georgia Center). We believe about 20,000 citizens would be interested in this program.

Helen Mills and Nancy Thompson handled question from the Senators.

Question by David Williams (Religion): What is the difference between University Studies and the UGAC.

Answer: University Studies operates during the day and the UGAC only during evenings and weekends.

Question by Ben Blunt (Anthropology): Is the UGAC to be similar to the former Evening Classes that used to be handled by the Georgia Center and were staffed by University faculty and instructors?

Answer: Yes. The proposed rated schedule would be about \$3,000, the rate for graduate Ph.D. candidates. EFT would be with the department, not the Georgia Center, and there is an agreement that some money would go back to the department of record.

Question by Robert Phillips (Chemistry): How big? How many students?

Answer: Expect 100-200 students in the first year.

Question by James Anderson (Chemistry): What courses will be taught?

Answer: Start this January with 6 lower-level courses, 4 of these in Arts and Sciences; ENGL 1101; RELI; SPCM,; American HIST; Academic Assistance.

Question by Juergen Wiegel (Microbiology): Why not handle this through Continuing Education at the Georgia Center?

Answer: It does not offer credit. It is not a College and does not have faculty. The criteria here is that the entity must have real faculty with quality control.

Question by Wei-Jun Cai (Marine Sciences): What degrees will be offered?

Answer: None. The students would be able to apply for transfer to University Studies at 60 hr and complete their degree in the normal fashion as any other transfer student. A 2-yr Associate Arts degree might be a degree the UGAC could offer.

Questions by Ervan Garrison (Geology) and Nancy Felson (Classics) about financial aid, which appears to be a reason for the UGAC.

Answer: Because they would be in a degree-seeking program, and if they were able to declare an intended major at the very beginning, aid could begin the day they started classes at UGAC. If they were in a 2-yr Associate Arts program, financial aid would be readily available.

Comment by Nancy Felson: It is still unclear what you want of the Senate or the College.

Interjection by Officer Bernstein: The Senate cannot approve or disapprove of the UGAC; we should be

interested in how this will impact our College and can perhaps have some input on how it is organized.

Discussion between Charles Eidsvik (Drama) and other Senators about their widely differing views/experiences with the quality of the old Evening Classes at the Georgia Center and the extent to which these classes served legitimate needs of students.

Comment by Charles Eidsvik: Extra students means extra costs to Arts and Sciences.

Answer: Classes would initially be at the Georgia Center. However, advisors for these students would be those in the University Studies divisions.

Reply by Charles Eidsvik: But these advisors are already overtaxed.

Closing comments by Vice President Dunning.

Conclusion by Officer Bernstein: Let us cooperate with this initiative. Also, we should assign these issues to appropriate Senate committees. I will be delighted to serve on them as an *ex officio* member.

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Submitted by Glenn Galau