

**Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin college of Arts & Sciences
November 18, 2004**

1. Call to Order

Presiding Officer Douglas Crowe [Geology] called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM in Room 171 of the Student Learning Center.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Rick LaFleur [Classics] for Erika Heranowicz, Hyangsoon Yi [Comparative Literature] for Kasia Jerzak, Elham Izadi [Mathematics] for Mitch Rothstein, Steve Valdez [Music] for Mitos Andaya, and Roger Stahl [Speech Communications] for Christine Harold.

Absences: Gert-Jan Boons [Chemistry], Peter Brosius [Anthropology], Haini Cai [Cellular Biology], Charles Davis [Drama], Marly Eidsness [Chemistry], Rebecca Enghauser [Dance], Alexei Kojevnikov [History], Tom McNulty [Sociology], Barry Palevitz [Plant Biology], Susan Roberts [Art]

Visitors: Janet Frick [Psychology], Brent Mosley [Red and Black]

Total: 33 Present, 10 Absent, 2 Visitors

3. The minutes from 21 September were approved.

4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Douglas Crowe:

The committee assignments have finally been completed. He has received data for the damage report from the Dean's office. The Professional Concerns Committee is charged with further development of the report.

5. Comments from Dean Stokes:

The budget cut is \$953,000. The college will be able to cover this funding cut through a number of measures including temporary salary savings. No cuts to the operating budget or travel are expected. There is, however, uncertainty about the budget situation for FY06 where there may be additional budget cuts. The Dean's office has provided information for the "damage report" to Doug Crowe [Geology]. Dr. Stokes also mentioned that the change made this year to the health care reserves is temporary and it will return to a 60 day reserve in the future.

6. Comments from Associate Dean Ruppensburg

Dr. Ruppensburg discussed the progress on the 5-year plan and the P&T criteria. He mentioned that both the Professional Concerns Committee and the Associate Deans reviewed the P&T criteria. The revised criteria will be submitted to the Provost for further review. The 5-year plan will be reviewed by Dean's office

and the Planning Committee. They will develop a plan for all five areas and an overarching plan for the college.

7. Informational Item: Janet Frick [Psychology] discussed the restructuring of the College of Education and its potential impact on the college of Arts and Science.

8. Committee Reports

a. Steering

b. Committee on Committees

c. Academic Standards [Adam Parkes, English]: Met on 30 September and reviewed 4 petitions. Two were approved and two were denied. Two previously-tabled petitions were also reviewed. One was approved and one was denied. There was also a brief preliminary discussion of possible revisions of the Franklin College By-laws governing grade appeals.

d. Admissions [Steve Valdez, Music]: Received 7 student petitions for re-admission after academic suspension. Five were approved and two were denied. There have been no petitions since August.

e. Curriculum: The committee met on 16 November 2004. They reviewed and approved six of the following seven items:

- Approved. The Department of Anthropology requested that two courses (ANTH 3541, Anthropology of Eating, and ANTH 4730, Forensic Anthropology) be added to the list of courses that meet the biological anthropology requirement for majors.
- Approved. The Lamar Dodd School of Art requested a change in how the *Undergraduate Bulletin* describes the programs of study for the major and the minor in Art History. This was approved by the committee with the understanding that the program changes had in fact been approved several years ago (this was unclear) and that the request was to simply reconcile discrepancies between the approved programs and the *Bulletin*.
- Tabled (information sought). A request from the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages to add three courses to the list of options that meet the electives for the minor and major in Russian. The committee tabled this request in order to secure more information about the new optional courses and their role in the curriculum.
- Approved. The committee approved four requests from the English Department. First, a request to add the recently-approved ENGL 4995 (Senior Seminar) to the list of options that meet the "Language, Criticism, and Culture" requirement. Second, a request to change the policy about the repeatability of ENGL 4330 (Topics in Shakespeare) so that it may be repeated once (for a total of 6 credit hours). Third, a request to clarify a policy that students will not be permitted to satisfy all of the "English Literature Before 1800" requirements through

Shakespeare courses. And fourth, a request to shift ENGL 4195 from the list of courses that meet the "English Literature Before 1800" requirements to those that meet the "Language, Criticism, and Culture" requirement.

- Approved. The Department of Plant Biology requested that PBIO 3650 (Natural History of Georgia Plants) be included among the courses that fulfill the university-wide "environmental literacy" requirement.
- Approved. A request from Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg to change the *Undergraduate Bulletin* to include this statement: "Students must earn a grade of C or better in all courses taken to satisfy major degree requirements in the Franklin College." That statement, which reflects a long-standing policy of the Franklin College, was inadvertently omitted after the conversion to semesters.
- Approved. A request by Associate Dean Charles Kotal to offer a BS in Biology degree through the Gwinnett University Center. The Biological Sciences Curriculum Committee offered unanimous approval for this proposal.

- f. Planning [Michelle Ballif, English]: Met on 27 October and 3 November to review the 5-year plan.
- g. Professional Concerns [Reeves Jaxk, Statistics]: Met on 5 November to review the P&T criteria documents.

9. Old Business: Changes to Senate By-laws and Policies & Procedures was tabled.

- By-laws changes [Adam Parkes, English]. A discussion of by-laws changes for Article V, student grade appeals, was tabled for the January meeting so that senators can review the documents
- The Professional Concerns Committee reported on departmental voting rights of non-tenure track faculty members [Reeves Jaxk, Statistics]. In general, the decision is left up to the individual departments. Some departments only allow tenure-track members to vote.
- *Senate Policies and Procedures* [Norris Armstrong, Genetics]. The document is difficult to understand. The discussion centered on how to access the revised document, how to streamline it, and how to keep it up-to-date.

10. New Business:

David Schiller [Music] discussed his concerns over the representation of Arts and Science Faculty on the General Education Task Force. He feels that A&S faculty who teach general education courses are not well represented on the task force. Doug Crowe [Geology] suggested that he will discuss with the

Provost about communicating the progress of the task force to the Faculty Senate.

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 20 January at 3:30 in the Student Learning Center. Agenda items for the next meeting are due by 6 January.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Andrew Grundstein, Geography