

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, November 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in room 248 of the Student Learning Center, Joe Hermanowicz presiding.

Members present: Yuri Balashov, J. P. Caillaut, Wayne Coppins, Charles Doyle, Kelly Dyer, Mario Erasmo, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Shane Hamilton, Joe Hermanowicz, Charles Hopkinson, Thomas Houser, Roy Kennedy, Kristen Kundert-Gibbs, John Lynch, Ron Miller, Mori Masaki, Kanzo Nakayama, Ron Orlando, Diana Ranson, Dawn Robinson, Paul Schliekelman, Marshall Shepherd, Eric Stabb, Roger Stahl, Bram Tucker, Shuzhou Wang, Mark Wheeler.

Proxies: Steven Grossvogel for Batina Kaplan; Mark Farmer for Edward Kipreos; Shelby Funk for David Lowenthal; Reinaldo Román for Jake Short, Xiangrong Yin for Gauri Datta.

Visitors: Maureen Grasso, Dean of the Graduate School; and Judy Milton, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School.

Members not present: Steve Dalton, Christine Haase, Michael Hahn, Christopher Hocking, Michael Kernis, Hilda Kurtz, Gordana Matic, Mike Tiemeyer, Philip Holmes, Vladimir Popik

Approval of the minutes from the Aug 26 meeting: Shane Hamilton moved, Dawn Robinson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Presiding officer Joe Hermanowicz's remarks:

1. Clarification on foreign teaching assistants' minimum TOEFL scores (suite from last meeting's motion): foreign graduate students serving as teaching assistants who have not met minimal TOEFL score requirements are permissible while co-teaching with a native speaker to allow the student a semester or two to improve oral English while observing and working with a faculty member or other experienced TA (according to a memo forwarded by Associate Dean Ruppensburg).

2. No news from the University Council; they have not met since the last Faculty Senate meeting, and are not planning an executive council meeting or general meeting due to few agenda items.

Dean Maureen Grasso (Graduate School), invited speaker

The Dean spoke about the Graduate School's mission, size and growth, budgetary constraints and possibilities, graduate student stipends, the minimum TOEFL score for TAs to teach, and graduate faculty status.

Dean Stokes' Remarks:

No new information about issues significant to the faculty, including the budget and workload study.

Committee reports:

Professional concerns committee: Committee chair Paul Shliekelman reported the result of a faculty inquiry about payment notifications on classrolls; the bursar's office adds a note to classrolls asking instructors to communicate to students that they have outstanding tuition or other payments due to the university. The faculty member raised the question of whether enforcing payment is part of a faculty member's job or purview. An email response to

Shliekelman from Lisa McCleary, UGA Bursar, stated that these notifications are required by Board of Regents policies, and that the information is intended to help students and faculty and does not oblige faculty to any action. The professional concerns committee disagreed as to whether McCleary's response answered faculty concerns on this issue or whether further discussion or action is necessary. Based upon Senate feedback, the professional concerns committee will continue to probe the matter.

Planning committee: Roger Stahl spoke for committee chair Jake Short. The committee is proceeding on discussions about graduate faculty status and support for the humanities.

Steering committee, Curriculum committee, Academic standards committee, Admissions Committee had not met and had no report.

New Business:

1. Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg, speaking for Hilda Kurtz (Chair of the Curriculum Committee), presented the motion from the Curriculum Committee to terminate the Master of Applied Mathematical Sciences Degree in Statistics and to approve two new majors, a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a B.S. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. The senate voted unanimously in support of this motion.

2. Presiding officer Joe Hermanowicz discussed the newly revised Franklin College Faculty Bylaws, which will be an agenda item at the senate's next meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bram Tucker, Secretary and Senator from Anthropology