

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 22 March 2011

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 171 of the Miller Learning Center, Diana Ranson presiding.

Members present: Joshua Barkan, Renate Born, Wayne Coppins, Gauri Datta, Tim Dore, Scott Dougan, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Michael Geller, William Graham, Kelly Happe, Christopher Hocking, Philip Holmes, Charles Hopkinson, Kang Li, Nicolás Lucero, Marguerite Madden, Kanzo Nakayama, Marta Patiño-Douce, Diana Ranson, Patricia Richards, John Rose, Mitch Rothstein, Adam Sabra, Mark Schell, Jake Short, Chris Sieving, , Susan Tanner, Karim Traore, Stefaan Van Liefferinge, Rheeda Walker Obasi, Mark Wheeler, Xiangrong Yin

Proxies: Gregg Gausline (for John Lynch), Kelly Hoppe (for Roger Stahl), Sheng-Cheng Wu (for Lianchun Wang)

Visitors: Steve Berry, Mary Milan, Claudio Saunt

Members not present: Mike Arnold, Maor Bar-Peled, Chris Cuomo, Fred Dolezal, Jim Lauderdale, Ron Orlando, Michael Robinson, Nick Rynearson

Approval of the minutes of the 22 February 2011 meeting: Approved without correction.

Remarks by presiding officer Diana Ranson: Professor Ranson made brief remarks reminding senators of the meeting of interested faculty with the Provost, immediately following the senate meeting, and of the April 14 deadline for placing items on the Senate agenda for this year, the April meeting being the last of the year.

Remarks by Dean Stokes: Dean Stokes observed that the budget for next year, including any tuition increase, remained uncertain. The Franklin College is moving ahead with presidential hires and the dean's office is developing an agenda for future hires. She noted that the university is investing more substantially in graduate education, making more funds available for graduate research and teaching assistantships. The SACS team visit was very successful, a principal focus being the Quality Enhancement Plan (or First-Year Odyssey program); the dean urged faculty to engage the opportunity. Finally, she reminded senators that Honors Week—the result of concentrating student and faculty awards into one short period—is coming up.

New business:

After a brief presentation by Steve Berry, the senate unanimously approved the proposal for establishing the Center for Virtual History.

Committee Reports:

Academic Standards Committee: Received five petitions, of which four were approved, with one pending.

Curriculum Committee: The committee reported approval of fourteen new courses and fifteen course changes. They further approved the proposed the Center for Virtual History, and proposed changes to the Cognitive Science Major, the Master of Science in Archaeological Resource Management, the Criminal Justice A.B., the Math Bulletin and the Anthropology Bulletin.

Executive Committee: Discussed adding the words “full-time” to the definition of faculty in the Franklin College Bylaws. Since the words “full-time” are included in the definition of faculty in both the University Statutes and Board of Regent Policy Manual, the committee decided that it was not necessary to add them to the Franklin College Bylaws.

Faculty Affairs Committee: No new business reported. Ongoing discussions of proposal to allow degree-granting institutes to become tenure-granting units.

Committee on Planning and Evaluation: No new business reported.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Short, Secretary and Senator from History