

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 21 September 2010

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 250 of the Miller Learning Center, Diana Ranson presiding.

Members present: Joshua Barkan, Maor Bar-Peled, Renate Born, Wayne Coppins, Chris Cuomo, Gauri Datta, Fred Dolezal, Tim Dore, Scott Dougan, Ray Freeman-Lynde, William Graham, Charles Hopkinson, Jim Lauderdale, Kang Li, John Lynch, Marguerite Madden, Kanzo Nakayama, Diana Ranson, Michael Robinson, John Rose, Nick Rynearson, Mark Schell, Jake Short, Chris Sieving, Roger Stahl, Susan Tanner, Stefaan Van Liefferinge, Rheeda Walker-Obasi, Lianchun Wang, Aidan Wasley, Xiangrong Yin

Proxies: Marta Patino-Douce (for Paul Schroeder), Adam Goodie (for Philip Holmes), Betina Kaplan (for Nicolas Lucero)

Members not present: Kelly Dyer, Michael Geller, Christopher Hocking, Ron Orlando, Patricia Richards, Mitch Rothstein, Adam Sabra, Karim Traore, Mark Wheeler

Approval of the minutes of the August 24, 2010 meeting: Approved without discussion.

Remarks by presiding officer Diana Ranson: Professor Ranson announced a one-time additional competition for the Sarah Moss Fellowship with a deadline of Friday, September 24. She further announced, without endorsement and on behalf of two members of the faculty, the National Day of Action to Defend Public Higher Education on 7 October, for which university students are planning a noon rally at the arches, and identified relevant websites for further information. And finally, she reminded senators that submission of agenda items is done by email to Stefaan Van Liefferinge (svlieffe@uga.edu), chair of the Executive Committee, and emphasized that faculty are encouraged to do so.

Remarks by Dean Stokes: Dean Stokes noted recent positive press coverage of Franklin College faculty and provided details on the president's hiring initiative, which is meant to supplement regular faculty recruiting this year. So far requests for twenty-six positions have been submitted by the College to the President for positions ranging from linguistics, mathematics, cell biology and psychology to metaphysics and a new director of the Willson Center for the Humanities, among others. The move to initiate these searches is expected in the coming weeks.

Dean Stokes also noted that some \$60,000 in travel money has been committed and that there is now a possibility of funds for non-tenure-track faculty, who are encouraged to apply.

Finally, she spoke on the need for faculty approached by political figures—elected officials or their staff—to notify the university of such contacts.

New business:

Presentation: SACS Accreditation Quality Enhancement Plan

Rodney Mauricio, Genetics, outlined the history and details of the university's new Quality Enhancement Plan. The plan was prompted by a new SACS condition for accreditation requiring that institutions identify some area where improvement in student learning can be achieved and develop a program that will be (1) funded by the university and (2) last at least five years and be evaluated by SACS at the end of that period. A committee convened over a long period of time received thirty-one initial proposals from some 100 staff, faculty and students, narrowed these to four and submitted them to a "leadership team" that in turn selected a "First-Year Odyssey Seminar": one-credit, university-wide seminar required of all approximately 5,000 entering freshmen annually and taught by volunteers from the ranks of the tenure-track faculty. Each course will focus on an area of scholarship in which the instructor is involved and, it is hoped, help incoming students to understand what a research institution is and what a research faculty does. The proposed, but not yet approved, compensation for faculty is \$2,500 in either research and travel support or salary. Further details and the draft report can be found at www.qep.uga.edu.

Two curriculum proposals were submitted for senate approval:

1. LACSI Graduate Certificate Program: unanimously approved.
2. Speech Communication Name Change to Communication Studies: unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Academic Standards Committee: No new business reported.

Curriculum Committee: The committee reported approval of fourteen new courses, two course proposals and twenty-one course changes.

Executive Committee: No new business reported.

Faculty Affairs Committee: No new business reported.

Committee on Planning and Evaluation: No new business reported.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Short, Secretary and Senator from History

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**

Curriculum Description	Approved
New Courses Reviewed	14 new courses
Course Changes	21 course changes
Proposals Approved: LACSI Graduate Certificate Program Name Change of Speech Communications to Communication Studies	