

Franklin College Faculty Senate

Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM in room 101 of the Miller Learning Center, Dana Bultman presiding.

Members Present: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe, Christine Albright, Budak Arpinar, Maor Bar-Peled, Dana Bultman, Brandon Craswell, Shanta Dhar, Inge DiBella, Husseina Dinani, Fred Dolezal, Diana Downs, Christopher Eaket, Rebecca Enghauser, Christine Franklin, Shelby Funk, Kim Gilbert, Uwe Happek, Charles Hopkinson, Chad Howe, Natarajan Kannan, Jim Lauderdale, Reid Messich, Dan Nakano, Virginia Nazarea, Robert Phillips, Mike Roden, Dan Rood, Mitch Rothstein, David Smilde, Richard Suplita, Saral Surakul, Jon Swindler, Karim Traore, Sarah Wright, and Angela Yao.

Proxies: David Hall (proxy for Mary Bedell), Nik Heyner (proxy for Lan Mu), Uwe Happek (proxy for Inseok Song), and John Rose (proxy for Zachary Wood).

Members not present: Trina Cyterski, Kelly Happe, and Miriam Jacobson.

Approval of the minutes of the 17 September 2013 meeting: Approved without corrections.

President Dana Bultman's Remarks

- President Bultman reminded the Senate of the IT policy resolution passed by the Senate at the April 2013 meeting and part of the April 2013 minutes. She read the resolution and noted that the request of the Dean's office in the resolution was still pending. She also indicated that only the Franklin College of Arts and Science and the School of Engineering at UGA have a policy controlling administrative privileges of faculty. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

Franklin College Faculty Senate, The University of Georgia (UGA)

To voice our objection to the draft computer administrative access policy written by the Office of Information Technology

The Senate rejects the administrative access policy as outlined by current documents submitted and calls for new policy development started as a collaborative process with the Franklin Senate faculty. The implementation of the current proposed policy should be suspended and administrative access returned to faculty.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Dean Dorsey indicated that Franklin College for academic year 2013-14 is currently searching for 21 tenure-track positions in Arts and Sciences. The Dean informed the Senate that his office submitted to the Provost office proposals for 10-12 campus wide positions of the President's hiring initiative. Recall that these positions are to be interdisciplinary.
- Dean Dorsey provided an update on the new Science Learning Center building project. The Dean and several department heads listened to presentations by design firms during a meeting in Atlanta. These UGA representatives provided input. The Board of Regents

approved HDR, a design firm based in Nebraska with an Atlanta office. A Building Steering committee has been formed that includes faculty from several departments. This committee will work with the design firm. The Dean noted that the design firm has an expert in teaching labs. The location of the new Science Learning Center will be at the intersection of Carlton and Brooks Drive.

- Dean Dorsey informed the Senate that 4 finalists have been announced for the Provost search. They will soon be visiting campus for interviews. Information about the candidates and the dates of their visits can be found at the Provost search web site.
- Dean Dorsey provided follow up comments to President Bultman's mention of the IT resolution from the Senate. He noted there are approximately 9000 devices in the College of Arts and Sciences. His office is investigating desktop management software called LANDesk with the goal of providing efficient monitoring for the thousands of devices. He plans to form a faculty focus group to meet with LANDesk in advance of any purchase.
- During Q & A, a few Senators commented that the core concern regarding the IT policy was that faculty were not provided an opportunity to approve the IT administration policy. Dean Dorsey responded that hopefully the LANDesk software will take care of many access issues that faculty have. Some Senators restated issues for the Dean that faculty are concerned about. A question was asked about the new Science Learning Center and if it is only for teaching or would it include research space. The Dean responded that the plan was to renovate current buildings with teaching space and labs and convert to faculty research areas.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards Committee: Received 7 petitions; 4 approved and 3 denied.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 4 new courses and approved 11 course changes.
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

New Business:

- No new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Franklin
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Statistics