

**Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 150 of the Miller Learning Center, Scott Dougan presiding.

Members Present: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe, Christine Albright, Joshua Barkan, Maor Bar-Peled, Dana Bultman, Brandon Craswell, Chris Cuomo, Shanta Dhar, Scott Dougan, Rebecca Enghausser, Christine Franklin, Christine Haase, Kelly Happe, Uwe Happek, Charles Hopkinson, Miriam Jacobson, Natarajan Kannan, Nicolás Lucero, Reid Messich, Jan Mrazek, Dan Nakano, Kanzo Nakayama, Robert Phillips, Michael Roden, Dan Rood, Mitch Rothstein, Jake Short, Richard Suplita, Karim Traore, Zachary Wood, Angela Yao, and Xiangrong Yin.

Proxies: Heinz-Bernd Schuttler (proxy for Budak Arpinar), Kacy Welsh (proxy for Trina Cyterski).

Members not present: Mike Arnold, Fred Dolezal, Shelby Funk, Jim Lauderdale, Virginia Nazarea, Patricia Richards, Saral Surakul, Jon Swindler.

Visitors: No visitors identified.

Approval of the minutes of the 18 September 2012 meeting: Approved without corrections.

President Scott Dougan's Remarks

- President Dougan brought to the attention of the Senate that the proposed resolution of allowing degree-granting institutes in the Franklin College to grant tenure to faculty, discussed at the September meeting, has been tabled at this time.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Budget update: Dean Dorsey announced that for FY13, the central administration has absorbed the 3% budget reduction requested by the state at the beginning of this fiscal year. It is possible further reductions could be requested by the state over the next several months. For FY14, the Dean's office has been told to expect a reduction in the Franklin college budget of 0.57%. This will decrease the ability to hire new faculty. Another budget concern that will affect the number of new faculty hired is finding a way to increase graduate student stipends and minimize the impact of graduate fees. UGA is losing top students during recruiting due to better monetary support at other institutions. The college will only be looking to adjust state funded stipends for teaching assistants, not stipends from grants. The Senate asked that Kecia Thomas be invited to speak at a future meeting about the data that support the stipend issues. Dean Dorsey suggested the Senators view the slides for the recent budget presentation given by President Adams to the University Council. The link is:

<https://apps.reg.uga.edu/UniversityCouncil/publicCommitteeMeeting/showMinutes/106>

- Hiring: Dean Dorsey announced that Franklin College received funding for nine positions from the President's Hiring Initiative. The original proposed 25 positions was reduced to 20 positions. The college plans to fund an additional 22 tenure track searches for a total of 31 positions to

begin in August 2013. The college also plans to fund some full time non-tenure positions. Dean Dorsey noted that the college is challenged with start-up funding especially in the sciences.

- Distance (Online) Learning Initiative: As a follow-up from the last meeting, Dean Dorsey announced that the Online Learning Initiative he proposed has been taken over by the Office for the Vice President of Instruction in collaboration with the Office of Online Learning. Thus, instead of a Franklin College initiative, the initiative will be campus wide. Franklin College will provide some funding to support this initiative.
- Upcoming workshops: The Dean's office is working with the Office of the VP for Research to organize a one-day workshop on grant writing. The workshop will focus on NSF and NIH grants. Associate Dean Russell Malmberg is coordinating the workshop. Department Heads will be asked to nominate faculty members. The Willson Center for the Humanities and the Arts is also planning a future workshop that will focus on grant writing in the humanities and arts.
- Dean Dorsey announced that at a recent Provost Advisory committee meeting, Vice President of Research David Lee spoke about his desires that more faculty recognition occur externally with awards and fellowships. The college will help with the nomination process.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards Committee: Received 3 petitions, approved 2, denied 1.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 14 course changes, 1 new prefix approved, approved 1 minor change, and 4 bulletin changes approved.
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: The committee is not proceeding at this time with the proposed resolution of allowing degree-granting institutes in the Franklin College to grant tenure to faculty.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

New Business:

- Rebecca Enghauser, chair of the Faculty Affairs committee, presented a proposed Franklin College Faculty Senate Resolution in support of Full Domestic Partner Benefits. There was an amendment to change a few words for clarity. The amended resolution is included as part of the minutes. There was no discussion. A motion was made to adopt the amended resolution with a second. The vote was 33 approve and one abstain.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

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

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

Curriculum Description	Approved
New Courses Reviewed	5 new courses
Course Changes	14 course changes
Proposals Approved: Biology Bulletin Changes Comparative Literature Bulletin Changes Theatre & Film Bulletin Changes Computer Science Bulletin Changes Cellular Biology Minor Changes New Prefix in LACSI - QUEC	

Amended Franklin College Faculty Senate Resolution in support of Full Domestic Partner Benefits

The Faculty Senate of the Franklin College endorses and affirms the Proposal for Implementation of Full Domestic Partner Benefits passed overwhelmingly by University Council on September 27, 2012, which calls for full domestic partner benefits for all University of Georgia employees. Such a policy should come into effect as soon as possible but no later than January 1, 2014. Faculty of the Franklin College see this as a matter of equality and excellence that is crucial for maintaining a climate of fairness and our status as an institution that welcomes and appreciates diversity. As scholars, researchers and teachers of the humanities, sciences and arts, we hold such values in high esteem. We therefore urge President Michael Adams to implement full domestic partner benefits as soon as possible, noting with concern that similar well-supported resolutions previously passed by University Council and the Faculty Council of the University System of Georgia have failed to achieve implementation.