

**Franklin College Faculty Senate  
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2011**

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

**Members Present:** Ibigbolade Aderibigbe, Mike Arnold, Joshua Barkan, Maor Bar-Peled, Dana Bultman, Brandon Craswell, Chris Cuomo, Shanta Dhar, Fred Dolezal, Scott Dougan, Rebecca Enghauser, Christine Franklin, Michael Geller, William Graham, Christine Haase, Kelly Happe, Chuck Hopkinson, Myriam Jacobson, Jim Lauderdale, Kang Li, Nicolas Lucero, Marguerite Madden, Marta Patiño-Douce, John Rose, Mitch Rothstein, Mark Schell, Jake Short, Chris Sieving, Saral Surakul, Karim Traore, Stefaan Van Liefferinge, Lianchun Wang, Xiangrong Yin.

**Proxies:** Jin Yie (for Tim Dore)

**Members not Present:** Kanzo Nakayama, Patricia Richards, Michael Robinson, Nick Rynearson, Adam Sabra, Richard Suplita, Susan Tanner, Rheeda Walker-Obasi.

**Visitors:** Paul Duncan (LACSI), Pam Knox (former Assistant State Climatologist)

**Approval of the minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting**

Minutes approved without corrections.

**President Marguerite Madden's Remarks**

President Madden thanked Mark Schell for his services, since he was attending his last meeting as a Senator. No further remarks from the president.

**Dean Ruppensburg's Remarks**

- The new Board of Regents guidelines regarding benefits for University employees requires work at a minimum of 75% time to be eligible for benefits. The previous requirement was to work at 50% time. Dean Ruppensburg indicated that this policy change causes some part-time employees who started this academic year believing they had benefits through the academic year to lose them in January 2012. About 100 Franklin College employees currently working at 50% time are affected. The short term solution is to increase the employees to 75% time until July 1, making them responsible for completing additional work to justify the increase. After the beginning of the next fiscal year, Departments will make part-time personnel working at the 50% level aware that they should not expect benefits. A long-term solution for this issue needs to be found that would allow instructors to continue teaching as they do.
- The Provost announced the Summer School Teaching Initiative. Departments are encouraged to prepare proposals for new courses to be taught during the coming summer. Associate Dean Russell Malmberg will handle the proposals.
- Dean Ruppensburg emphasized the importance of faculty participation in the commencement ceremonies. Given the significance that those events have for students, their parents and the administration, Dean Ruppensburg wants to develop an environment

where attending the ceremony is more attractive. FC will reimburse the cost of a cap and gown to new faculty hires and cover the cost of cap and gown rentals for current faculty.

- A College spring graduation is under consideration.
- Comments followed outlining the advantages of individual graduations by Departments. In such environment the parents' opportunities to meet faculty are increased in contrast with the anonymity of massive graduation ceremonies. Senators pointed out that the overlap of the graduation ceremony date with the time when faculty need to grade final exams works against faculty participation. The Dean indicated that the administration and faculty, as a group, have to work on identifying and overcoming impediments for larger faculty participation.

## **Old Business**

### **Recent Dismissal of the State Climatologist and Assistant State Climatologist.**

- Christine Franklin (Statistics) brought to the attention of the Senate the recent dismissal by the Governor of the State Climatologist, David Stooksbury, and the Assistant State Climatologist, Pam Knox. Senator Franklin voiced her concern for the lack of information that surrounds the issue, given that the involved researchers learned about their dismissal from the press. There is also the fact that the University has remained silent, and its position is not known at this time. The State Climatologist Office, as well as many research programs at UGA, work with data that may be sensitive. In the absence of information that aptly justifies the dismissal, there is genuine concern that working with data that lends itself to contentious or political ramifications may influence our ability to carry-out unbiased research while keeping our jobs. The floor was opened for comments.
- President Madden suggested the preparation of a statement as one of the actions the Senate could take. Senator Cuomo emphasized the need to find the most efficient way to bring the item to the University Council agenda. Dana Bultman responded that the University Council Bylaws indicate that any request supported by 50 or more faculty signatures should be included as an item in the University Council agenda.
- Senators pointed out that although it is in the Governor's authority to dismiss the State Climatologist and Assistant State Climatologist, the importance of the unbiased State Climatologists' research in view of the current Georgia drought cannot be underscored. The availability of these data enables UGA departments to advise the public in the development of protocols and measures to cope with the drought. The State Climatologists should have academic freedom. It is not known if the University had any prior information about the dismissal and/or if it could have done anything to change the outcome.
- Pam Knox indicated that the State Climatologist appointment entailed outreach, research to provide unbiased information and also teaching. His dismissal was the Governor's decision, not the University's. The State Climatologist was tenured faculty, and some of his research was funded by soft money. The dismissal has negatively impacted his ability to obtain grants.
- Senators indicated that there should be some representation of faculty interests at the State Legislature level so that research programs do not get interrupted for political motivations.

## **Franklin College Resolution on Undocumented Students**

- At the October 18<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting it was agreed that the approved Franklin College Resolution on Undocumented Students in support of the removal of the October 2010 Board of Regents policy change that bans undocumented students from the University System of Georgia's five most selective institutions, was to be presented to the University Council Executive Committee to be added to the University Council agenda.
- Dana Bultman (Romance Languages) informed that a similar resolution had been produced by the College of Education Faculty Senate and that the topic had already been included as an agenda item for the December 1<sup>st</sup> University Council meeting, due to a faculty sponsored resolution that gathered more than 50 faculty signatures. Bultman introduced the formal motion to inform the University Council of the FC resolution. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Marguerite Madden and Dana Bultman would present the FC resolution to the University Council Executive Committee, as an informational item to be discussed at the December 1<sup>st</sup> University Council meeting.

## **Graduate Students Fees Increases**

- Scott Dougan summarized the outcome of a meeting with Provost Morehead and President Adams indicating that both are against removing the fee, and there is no hope for the fees to be decreased. The Administration does not support further increases. The focus should be on making the payment more affordable. President Adams put emphasis on finding ways to increase the graduate student stipend.
- Dean Ruppensburg indicated that fees are widespread and not exclusive to UGA. The possibility would be to ask Dean Grasso to raise the stipend. If FC had to put funds for this purpose, those funds would have to be cut from other resources. Departments could individually adjust graduate students' stipends upwards with their own funds.
- Senator Dougan stressed the importance of obtaining quantifiable data on the value that graduate students bring to the institution, including lists of published papers, credit hours they teach, contributions to obtain grant funding, as well as the number of graduate students that turn down UGA offers due to the excessive fees.

## **New Business**

### **Proposal for a Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies**

- Paul Duncan (LACSI) provided details on the Proposal for a Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. He indicated that currently undergraduate and graduate certificates in Latin American and Caribbean Studies requiring 15 credit hours in related disciplines are offered at LACSI. A LACSI minor involving 17 or 18 credit hours would be more attractive and useful to students. The motion to approve the proposal was seconded and unanimously approved by show of hands.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Academic Standards Committee: Received 4 petitions, approved 1 and denied 3; no proposals are pending.

- Curriculum Committee: Approved 4 new courses and 30 course changes. 4 proposals were approved.
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Faculty Affairs Committee: No new business reported.
- Planning and Evaluation Committee: No new business reported.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Patiño Douce  
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Geology



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Franklin College of Arts and Sciences  
*Office of the Dean*

November 17, 2011

Fiona Liken  
Director  
Curriculum Systems  
318 New College  
UGA Campus

Dear Fiona:

The Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate has approved the following proposal and submits it for University Curriculum Committee for approval.

*Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies*

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Jean Martin-Williams  
Administrative Fellow  
Franklin College of Arts & Sciences

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Attachments



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*Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute*

October 7, 2011

Dr. Hugh Ruppensburg, Senior Associate Dean  
Franklin College of Arts and Sciences  
320a Old College  
Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dean Ruppensburg:

Enclosed please find a proposal for a new undergraduate minor from the Latin American & Caribbean Studies Institute. LACSI currently offers an undergraduate major and both an undergraduate and graduate certificate in Latin American & Caribbean Studies.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions, or if anything further is required for the proposal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Moser  
Interim Director

Latin American & Caribbean Studies Institute

*Approved*

*Please reply to:*

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PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

School/College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department/Division: Latin American & Caribbean Studies Institute

Proposed Program: Minor in Latin American & Caribbean Studies

Proposed Starting Date for Program:

Semester immediately following final approval of the program

Program Descriptions- including prefixes, numbers, and titles of required courses, total credit hours (must be 15-18 hours), residency requirements (if any), and grade requirements (if any):

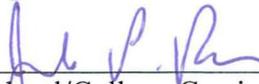
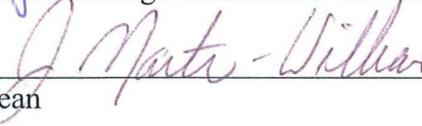
Students seeking a minor in Latin American & Caribbean Studies must complete eighteen (18) hours as follows: (A) LACS 1000; (B) a Latin American History course (HIST 2221 or HIST 2222); (C) an advanced course in one language from the region (SPAN, PORT, or FREN 3010); (D) three LAC courses representing two or more of the three areas of Latin American & Caribbean Studies, which include: Social Sciences; Humanities, Art, and Music; and Environmental Science, Policy, and Historical Preservation. Twelve (12) credits must be in upper division courses (above the 3000 level). Students would be expected to fulfill any course prerequisite requirements as directed.

Students would be subject to the residency requirements of the university for completion of the Bachelor's degree.

In order to receive credit toward the minor, the student would have to earn a grade of "C" or better in each course.

Required course: LACS 1000: Introduction to Latin American & Caribbean Studies.

Signatures

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|  | LACSI            | 10/10/11 |
| Department Head   | Department       | Date     |
|  |                  | 11/15/11 |
| School/College Curriculum Committee   |                  | Date     |
|  | Franklin College | 11-17-11 |
| Dean  | School/College   | Date     |
| University Curriculum Committee Chair   |                  | Date     |

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT  
November 2011**

| <b>Curriculum Description</b>   | <b>Approved</b>   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>New Courses Reviewed</b>   | 4 new courses     |
| <b>Course Changes</b>   | 30 course changes |
| <b>Proposals Approved:</b><br><br><b>CMLT (AFST) 3151 to meet the School-College Cultural Diversity Requirement</b><br><b>LACSI Minor Proposal</b><br><b>LACSI Undergraduate Certificate Changes</b><br><b>Religion Major Changes</b> |                   |