

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 213 of the Miller Learning Center, Adam Goodie presiding.

Members Present: John Achee, Wesley Allen, Analisa Arroyo, Maor Bar-Peled, Thomas Biggs, Renato Castelao, Tom Cerbu, Brian Condie, Elizabeth Davis, Inge DiBella, Jorge Escalante, Lisa Fusillo, Kim Gilbert, Adam Goodie, Dan Hall, Chad Howe, Maria Hybinette, Takahiro Ito, Kevin Jones, Jain Kwon, Derrick Lemons, Tricia Lootens, Megan Lutz, Silvia Moreno, Lan Mu, Dan Nakano, Rielle Navitski, Don Nelson, Lakshmish Ramaswamy, Jennifer Rice, Leslie Gordon Simons, Steve Soper, Phillip Stancil, Piers Stephens, Lianchun Wang

Proxies: Jennifer Birch (proxy for Don Nelson), Christopher Pizzino (proxy for Tricia Lootens), Cindy Hahamovitch (proxy for Steve Soper)

Members not present: Mary Bedell, Josh Bynum, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Richard Gordon, Richard Hubbard, Takahiro Ito, Kristin Kundert, Gordana Matic, Reid Messich, Nicolas Morrissey, Quin Zhao

Approval of the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting: Approved without corrections.

President Adam Goodie's Remarks

- President Adam Goodie began his remarks with a call to Senators for interest in discussing the ramifications of the recent (US) national elections and, in particular, the implications for issues such as discrimination and climate on campus. A comment was made from the Senate requesting that UGA make a statement reiterating its policies of non-discrimination. It was also suggested that a comprehensive assessment of the policies of inclusion be conducted and shared with faculty. Finally, one senator made a motion that a statement should be drafted on behalf of the Franklin Faculty Senate regarding issues of discrimination and inclusion. The motion would be sent to the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously without further discussion.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Dean Dorsey began his remarks with a comment regarding his personal commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion in Franklin College. He also mentioned that there are already support services in Franklin College related to issues of diversity and inclusion.
- Dean Dorsey continued by discussing the State of the College Address, which he intends to deliver as early as possible in the spring semester. It will serve as a follow-up to President Morehead's State of the University Address.
- Dean Dorsey extended a thank-you to everyone who attended the kick-off event for the next phase of UGA's Capital Campaign. He announced that there would be other events in Atlanta that would include President Morehead. He then noted that the Capital Campaign is going well, both in general and in Franklin College.

- Next Dean Dorsey discussed issues related to the budget, observing that Franklin's allotment is related to the amount of teaching that is done in the college. He commented that there had been an overall decline in the last three years in credit hour production but that in 2016 there appears to be an increase over 2015, largely associated with the extension of online courses. He noted that stabilizing the budget helps with items like faculty recruitment. He finished this topic by pointing out that UGA is in the process of hiring a new director for the Office of Online Education.
- Q&A: There were no questions.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards Committee: No new business reported.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 9 new courses, approved 34 course changes, approved 1 general elective course
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 3:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chad Howe
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