

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences
November 21, 2002
Approved January 16, 2003

1. Call to Order:

Presiding Officer Ed Azoff [Math] called the meeting to order at 3:39 PM in Room 104 of Connor Hall.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Gary Love for Henning Meyer [Physics]
Robert Moser for Luis Correa-Diaz [Romance Languages],
Amy Ross for David Leigh [Geography],
Paul Sutter for Reinaldo Roman [History].
Paul Sutter for Claudio Saunt [History].
Richard Winfield for Randolph Clarke [Philosophy]

Absences: Suchi Bhandarkar [Computer Science], Ben Blount [Anthropology]
Kevin DeLucca [Speech Communication]

Visitors: Kate Carter, Athens Banner Herald
Michael Pierce, Biochemistry
David Stooksbury, Engineering

Deans: Wyatt Anderson & Hugh Ruppensburg.

Senate Total: 31 Present, 6 Proxies, 3 Absent.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Senate Meetings:

Minutes for the Sept. 17, 2002 meeting were approved as submitted. Minutes for the Oct. 22, 2002 meeting were approved after being amended so that the numbering of items (6a), (6b), and (6c) was consistent. Minutes for the April 18, 2002 meeting, long outstanding, have been reconstructed by Ed Azoff, but do not include any Deans' comments. Senators should examine these, with approval proposed for the January, 2003 meeting. As usual, all minutes, once submitted, may be viewed on-line at the Senate's web-site: www.franklin.uga.edu/dstaff/admin.fcSenate.htm .

4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Ed Azoff [Math]:

4a) Is there anyone who hasn't received some item of agenda or ballots by e-mail ? [None acknowledged being in this category.]

4b) Is trying to set up better communications with University Council and University Curriculum Committee. Has asked them to send copies of agenda items to himself and Kristen Griffin.

4c) Reminded Curriculum Committee to give us text of the resolution on AB/BA .

4d) The Ad Hoc Election Reform Committee (set up by the Professional Concerns Committee) is working on reforms and will have a report soon.

5. Comments by Dean Wyatt Anderson:

5a) Continuing Budget Issues

Some positive news from Atlanta has been received in recent days. Governor Barnes has proposed a 2% retroactive (to July 2002) reduction, and this appears to have been accepted by the new administration. While not 'good', this is better than the 3% or 4% reduction being planned for under worst-case scenarios. Thus, this means an overall reduction for the year of 5%, which is the same as was the case last year. Dean Anderson believes that our instructional needs will all be met, without any elimination of programs or departments in the College or the laying off of any personnel. Nonetheless, the hiring freeze is likely to remain extant for the near future. If possible, he will return to the departments some of the funds which had tentatively been withdrawn. Travel funds will not be returned, but he will allow departments an opportunity to use some of these for special needs which may arise.

6. Committee Reports:

6a) Academic Standards Committee (Chair: Barbara McCaskill; English):

The committee met on Friday 11/08/02. There were 13 petitions; 9 were approved, 3 were denied, and 1 tabled. The Committee discussed the previous motion to the Senate to revise grade appeals. The committee members continued discussion on the Senate's desire for a statement regarding grade inflation concerns, and will be drafting some possible ideas to be forwarded soon to the Senate.

6b) Admissions Committee (Chair: Alisa Luxenberg; Art)

The committee had no formal meetings in November, but did review three petitions individually. All three were approved.

6c) Curriculum Committee (Chair: Nina Hellerstein; Romance Languages):

The committee met on Thursday, 11/14/02. It approved the following 8 items:

(1) Request to add CMLT 2600 and MUSI 2080 to the list of courses that fulfill the University's cultural diversity requirement.

(2) Request to offer ENGL 3300 through the University System of Georgia Independent and Distance Learning at the Georgia Center for Cont. Educ.

(3) Request to offer PSYC 3810 through the University System of Georgia Independent and Distance Learning at the Georgia Center for Cont. Educ.

(4) Proposed bulletin revisions for Women's Study Program.

(5) Proposed bulletin revisions for History's program description and major and minor requirements.

(6) Proposed bulletin revisions for Germanic and Slavic Language requirements, as well as deletions and additions of GRMN courses to the list of courses that fulfill the College's literature requirement.

(7) Request to allow RELI 1006 to count in Areas C and F.

(8) Proposed changes to the Film Studies major requirements.

The committee approved 14 courses from 8 different departments. 4 of these approvals concerned modifications to existing courses, while 10 created new courses. These involved 7 undergraduate courses, 3 split-level undergrad/grad courses, and 4 graduate courses.

Finally, the committee has had some discussion of a program in British and Irish studies, which is included as an Action Item for this meeting.

6d) Planning Committee (Chair: Glenn Galau; Botany):
There was no report presented from this committee.

6e) Professional Concerns (Chair: Robert Rumely; Math):
The Professional Concerns Committee met on Fri. 11/15/02. The following matters were discussed:

A) Hearing Request by Faculty Member

The committee agreed that the subject of the appeal did fall within their purview. However, they felt they should not get involved until after the Dean's office has completed its review of the issue and issued its report to the relevant parties.

B) Lack of Child-Care Facilities on Campus

It was determined that Claire Hamilton (Education) had chaired a University committee which had made a report on this topic to the President about two years ago. The committee is attempting to learn from Andy Brantley, Associate VP for Human Resources, the status of recommendations made therein. As usual, lack of available funds appears to be the major stumbling block in implementation of proposed plans.

C) Election Procedures/Electronic Balloting

An Ad Hoc committee including Elissa Henken (English) and John Culvahouse (Music) has been appointed to examine this. A report is expected soon.

D) Disproportionate Pay for Instructors

This is a complicated issue, primarily related to the fact that different departments have different expectations of what instructors are obligated to do, and further complicated by the fact that instructor appointments range from 10% to 100% time. The committee is continuing investigation.

E) Parking Complaints

A committee representative met with the Parking Task Force, which meets on the first Tuesday of each month. We should have a Senate representative present at all these meetings. (Any volunteers ?)

6f) Steering Committee: (Chair: Nancy Felson; Classics):

The Steering Committee met on Tue. 11/12/02 to discuss several topics. An Action Item submitted by the committee concerning the Search Committee for the Provost is on today's agenda. Representatives of this committee have met with Associate Dean Ruppensburg on Wed. 11/21/02 to discuss the status of the proposed promotion and tenure guidelines revisions.

6g) Committee on Committees: (Chair: Elissa Henken; English)

The Committee has not met formally this past month, but has handled a number of items through e-mail communications:

(1) The committee has formed an Ad Hoc committee to review and respond to the new promotion and tenure guidelines. It was decided to include two senators from each division, with a large and small department from each being represented. There was also some attempt to include senators from all three ranks. The members are:

Fine Arts: Charles Eidsvek [Drama], Michael Marshall [Art]

Language & Literature: Nancy Felson [Classics], Elissa Henken [English]

Biological Sciences: Juergen Wiegel [Microb.], Randal Walker [Marine Sci.]

Physical Sciences: Robert Rumely [Math], Douglas Crowe [Geology]

Social Sciences: Ikubolajej Logan [Geography], Randy Hammond [Psychology]

[More discussion of this committee's work may be found under 'New Business' in these minutes.]

(2) The person previously elected by the Senate as the Fine Arts representative to the Awards Committee withdrew his name because of a potential conflict of interest. An election by e-mail was held to choose his replacement, with Kenneth Fischer [Music] 'defeating' Kenneth Williams

[Art] by a vote of 13-9.

(3) Several of the original committee appointments have been changed because the Senators have been replaced. The Committee requested that Rebecca Enghauser, who has replaced Joan Buttram as the Senator from Dance, should similarly replace Buttram on the Planning Committee. Likewise, it was requested that Kevin DeLucca, who has replaced Bonnie Dow as the Senator from Speech Communication, also replace her on the Planning Committee. [Both recommendations were approved unanimously.]

7) Action Items

7a) Proposal for a Resolution to be sent to the Search Committee for Provost

There was some discussion of the motion as originally submitted by the Steering Committee, including questions concerning why the phrases "strong academic background" and "strong liberal arts undergraduate education" were included. Further discussion revealed that some past Provosts have had business backgrounds or backgrounds which were perceived (by some in the Senate) as being somewhat distant from that traditionally associated with the Franklin College. After further discussion, the motion was amended and approved without dissent to be:

"The Faculty Senate of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences urges the Search Committee for Provost of the University of Georgia to ensure that all of the individuals selected as finalists for the position not only have a strong academic background, but also be fully committed to the centrality at the University of Georgia of a strong liberal arts education."

7b) Proposal for a British and Irish Studies Program

The proposal was forwarded by the Curriculum Committee, which endorsed it. Associate Dean Ruppensburg noted that this program had been developed over some time by the departments of English and History, and that it included provisions for a certificate. It incorporates both study abroad and interdisciplinary study. There was a slight question raised as to whether such a program at the undergraduate level would force students to be too narrow, but most felt that this was not really a problem. After further discussion, the proposal was approved without dissent.

8) Old Business: [none]

9) New Business:

9a) Report by the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Promotion & Tenure Guidelines

This Ad Hoc committee met on Thu. 11/07/02 and Tue. 11/19/02, with Elissa Henken (English) being selected as the Chair. It has begun the process of recognizing the major issues and discussing possible solutions. A 3-page summary of a number of the issues related to this matter was distributed to the Senate at this meeting, and a number of comments were made at the meeting. The committee requested that senators discuss these matters further with their departments, sending comments and suggestions to Prof. Henken by campus mail or electronically at ehenken@uga.edu. The University Council Faculty Affairs Committee is very open to suggestions from us, and has agreed to wait until after our January meeting in order that they might receive our report. Prof. Henken noted that the Ad Hoc Committee is meeting again on Tue. 12/03/02 and Tue. 12/10/02, so comments received before then would be helpful.

9b) Presentation of a Proposal to form a UGA Cancer Center by Dr. Michael Pierce, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Prof. Pierce discussed the proposal. Among other things, he noted that the proposal will also be submitted to Dean Gordhan Patel, VP for Research, that it is cooperative with the Medical College of Augusta, and that it involves six of the colleges on campus. The proposal envisions 6-12 fellowships for graduate student support and would foster research on campus. There would be no FTE's associated with or courses taught by the Cancer Center. He asked that any comments or concerns about this proposal be sent to him at: hawkeye@uga.edu.

Since this was an informational item, no vote was taken. Several senators expressed concerns/questions about various items related to the proposal. Among the concerns/questions were: "Why do we need this Institute at UGA ? Why isn't this being centered at MCG ? Will UGA and MCG be able to effectively coordinate this Center ? Is there any overlap between this proposed center and the recently approved Biomedical Institute ?"

10) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will occur Thu. 1/16/03 at 3:30 PM in Room B2 of the Main Library. Agenda items are due to the Steering Committee by Mon. 1/06/03.

11) Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Submitted by Jaxk Reeves, Statistics