

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 3:44 PM via Zoom, Sandy Martin presiding.

Members Present: Christine Albright, Mark Anderson, Kelly Black, Timothy Bolger, Joshua Bousquette, Joshua Bynum, Monsur Chowdhury, Carmen Comeaux, Megan DeMarche, Fei Dou, Drew Etheridge, Le Guan, Brian Haas, Peter Hoffer, Allison Howard, Christin Huggins, Pablo Lapegna, Sandy Martin, Rodrigo Martini Paula, Lindsey Reynolds, Daniel Rood, John Rose, Amy Ross, David Saltz, Bernd Schuttler, Jennifer Stull, Anne Summers, Demi Thomloundis, Lisa Townsley, Frans Weiser, Michael White, Yang Yang

Proxies: Elizabeth Stich for Rebecca Gose, Paul Schroeder for Christian Klimczak, Fernan Cerron-Palomino for Nicolás Lucero, Thanassis Samaras for Sarah Wright

Members not present: Sara Blankenship, Austin Heil, Richard Hubbard, Dennis Kyle, Alexandra Shapiro, Andrea Sweigart

Guests/Visitors: Joe Peragine, Julie Ray, Michael Marshall, Demi Thomloundis, Daniel Bara, Casie LeGette

Approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved without corrections.

President Sandy Martin's Remarks:

No remarks.

Dean Stenport's Remarks:

Dean Stenport thanked everyone that was able to attend the January 27 event celebrating the next quarter century of the Franklin College and the new marketing campaign that the college has been working on for the past 18 months. There is training on the new visual and marketing strategies to update faculty profiles, access templates for newsletters and social media engagement, and a new system to pitch story ideas. This exciting work will provide opportunity for the Franklin College to tell a stronger story internally to our students, staff, and faculty here at UGA, but of course also externally to advance the reputation and recognition of our college. Anyone with questions or who would like to be involved to learn more can reach out to Susan Ambrosetti, the Executive Director of Marketing and Communications.

Feb. 1 is an upcoming deadline to request funding for the new research intensification system. This is part of the Office of Research under Associate Dean Marshall Shepherd. This is a support program that can provide different kinds of mechanisms for advancing and accelerating scholarship, creative inquiry, and research. Information was sent out via email and department heads or directors also have information.

On Feb. 11 the provost will host divisional meetings with the Franklin College. There will be two meetings in the afternoon: one for arts, humanities, and social sciences; and one for the physical and life sciences. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It is an opportunity to meet directly with the Provost and Vice Provost and to hear of their priorities.

Feb. 20 is the next research mixer/research slam organized by the Faculty Advisory Committee. The mixer will be at 5:00 pm at the Atheneum. All faculty are welcome.

Mar. 1 is the deadline for rapid interdisciplinary proposals. Reach out to Associate Dean Marshall Shepherd with any questions.

March 12. is the extended deadline to submit study abroad proposals to the Office of Global Engagement. All faculty are encouraged to consider this opportunity.

The Faculty Advisory Committee has been constituted for 2025. The members are Marni Shindelman, Rachel Gabara, Erin Dolan, Charlotte Garing, Janet Frick, Jennifer Stull, Rebecca Hallman Martini, Molly Bolger, Sara Blankenship, and Kelly Happe.

A January 27, 2025 memo was issued by the executive office of the President of the United States pertaining to federal grants and awards. Many Franklin College faculty have had questions about what the memo entails and what this means for Franklin College. The guidance that has been received is if anyone has heard from their Program Officers or anyone else about potential implications to their research support, please contact the Office of Sponsored Projects and the Office of the Vice President of Research immediately. There was an email sent to all faculty with additional guidelines. Franklin College, the Provost, the upper administration, and the University System of Georgia are monitoring the situation carefully.

Committee Reports:

Executive: Nothing to report.

Academic Standards: Considered four appeals, all were approved.

Curriculum: 74 new courses reviewed. 125 course changes. One termination of major: Music. One multicultural proposal: SPAN 2150. One Academic Unit Name Change: Theatre and Film Studies. Two Academic Program Name Changes: Music, Theatre, and Film Studies. Two Undergraduate Certificate Proposals: Art, English. Three New Area of Emphasis Proposals: Art, Music, Theatre, and Film Studies.

Faculty Affairs: Nothing to report.

Planning and Evaluation: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Proposal for an Area of Emphasis in Animation: Joe Peragine, Director, School of Art; Julie Ray, Department Head, Theatre and Film Studies; and Michael Marshall, Professor and Associate Director of Curriculum, School of Art explained the reasoning behind it. The proposal passed – 31 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in CAD/CAM for Jewelry and Fashion Accessories: Demi Thomlousis, Associate Professor and Chair of Jewelry and Metalwork, School of Art explained the reasoning behind it. The proposal passed – 34 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Proposal for an Academic Program Name Change: Daniel Bara, Director, School of Music explained the reasoning behind it. The proposal passed – 35 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Publishing: Casie LeGette, Associate Professor and Undergraduate Coordinator, English explained the reasoning behind it. The proposal passed – 35 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Proposal for an Area of Emphasis in Film Production: Julie Ray, Department Head, Theatre and Film Studies explained the reasoning behind it. The proposal passed – 39 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike White
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Genetics