Franklin College Faculty Senate

Minutes of the special session on Tuesday, September 01, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. via Zoom, Jennifer Rice presiding.

Members Present: Bachmann, Michael; Britton, Benjamin; Cerbu, Tom; Chapman, Katie ; Condie, Brian; Datta, Gauri; Gupton, Timothy; Hahamovitch, Cindy; Hesse, DeLoris; Holland, Steve; Kaplan, Betina; Kundert, Kristin; Kushner, Sidney; Lautenschlager, Gary; Lee-Schoenfeld, Vera; Liu, Tianming; Luxenberg, Alisa; Marchman, Kendall; McFarlane, Soroya; Mouilso, Emily; Peterson, Chris; Pickett, Jordan; Pizzino, Chris; Rasheed, Khaled; Reeves, Nancee; Rice, Jennifer; Roth, Cassia; Simons, Leslie Gordon; Summers, Anne; Usher, Michael

Proxies: Clifton Buck for Brian Binder; Vince Du for Suzanne Ellenberger; Pete Clark for Caner Kazanci; Vasant Muralidharan for Silvia Moreno

Members not present: Abate, Yohannes; Brosius, Pete; Bynum, Josh; Farley Raffle, Alison; Fusillo, Lisa; Hubbard, Richard; Sikri, Rohan; Yin, Hang

Guests: Numerous visitors in attendance

Approval of minutes from July 15, 2020; July 27, 2020; August 11, 2020: Minutes unanimously approved

President Jennifer Rice's Opening Remarks

- Thank you to the AY 19-20 Senators for your service over the summer. This work was unprecedented, but necessary given the circumstances we face.
- Working with the Senate this past year has been an honor. Thank you all for your service to Franklin and UGA.
- Don't forget about the Baldwin Hall Report and Resolutions. These are important to our Athens community and UGA's path forward.
- Working parents at UGA are really struggling – professionally, personally, financially – with younger kids out of school. UGA's positive cases increases the time out K-12 students are not getting the essential in-person education they need.
- Keep pressing for better faculty/staff/student governance and better recognition of importance and relevance of this body.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- President Rice was thanked for her service
- Recap of events over the summer
    - Remote instruction in March, commend faculty for successfully doing this

    - Last two regular meetings of senate were cancelled
    - 9 working groups, Dean Dorsey served on instructional committee
    - Submitted in May and shared with UGA community in June
    - Budget reductions requested in May by USG
    - Provided information to heads and directors continuously between May and opening.
- Concluded by saying that he feels he should have been more attentive to the faculty and looks forward to shared faculty governance in the upcoming year.

New Business: Discussion of academic year 20-21 and correspondence from the Franklin and Early College Faculty Senate Presidents dated August 19, 2020

Open discussion during which:

- Concerns were raised about level of uncertainly and lack of information at UGA
- Concerns were also raised about student off-campus activities, how they will impact UGA and ACC COVID cases
- Questions about the status of Georgia Center Hotel were answered
- Support for proceeding with no confidence motion was voiced

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rice
Franklin College Senate President

DeLoris Hesse
Franklin College Senate, Executive Committee Chair