Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, November 19th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 248 of the Miller Learning Center, Jennifer Rice presiding.

Members Present: Yohannes Abate, Brian Binder, Peter Brosius, Josh Bynum, Tom Cerbu, Katie Chapman, Brian Condie, Gauri Datta, Allison Farley Raffle, Chris Garvin, Timothy Gupton, DeLoris Hesse, Betina Kaplan, Caner Kazanci, Kristin Kundert, Gary Lautenschlager, Vera Lee-Schoenfeld, Tianming Liu, Megan Lutz, Alisa Luxenberg, Soroya McFarlane, Emily Mouilso, Chris Peterson, Jordan Pickett, Chris Pizzino, Khaled Rasheed, Jennifer Rice, Cassia Roth, Rohan Sikri, Michael Usher, Hang Yin

Proxies: James Naigus for Josh Bynum, Sara Blankenship for Suzanne Ellenberger, Rebecca Gose for Lisa Fusillo, James Brooks for Cindy Hahamovitch, L. Bruce Railsback for Steve Holland, Janet Westpheling for Sidney Kushner, Carmen Comeaux for Nancy Reeves

Members not present: Michael Bachmann, Richard Hubbard, Kendall Marchman, Leslie Gordon Simons, Anne Summers

Guests: Mary Bedell

Approval of the minutes from the October 15th, 2019 meeting: Approved unanimously with no corrections.

President Jennifer Rice's Remarks

- This is the last Fall meeting. Dates for the Spring meetings have been posted with locations announced later.
- The University is joining the consortium to study slavery, which includes 53 universities.
    - Twenty-two faculty from eight departments received a grant to further study the history of slavery at the University.
- There will be a discussion about dissolving the ad hoc committee on Baldwin Hall with a vote at a later meeting.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Dr. Kecia Thomas delivered Dean Dorsey's remarks:
    - The 22 faculty who received the award to study slavery were mentioned and congratulated.
    - The National Service and Engagement Faculty Travel Grants offer awards of usually less than $1,000 to faculty who share their expertise with elected officials and federal agencies. The award covers transportation and lodging.
    - The University is tripling the graduate student emergency fund for graduate students in crisis. This year, $100,000 will be added, followed by another $100,000 next year.
    - The Fall 2019 Bulletin will be in effect for the full academic year instead of updating throughout the year. Courses will be listed in CAPA by November 22nd and in the Bulletin by January 31st.
    - Justin Lavner and Anne Shaffer will join the Office of Inclusion and Diversity Leadership.

- The College of Education will be named in honor of Mary Francis Early in February 2020.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee: no report
- Curriculum Committee: 27 new courses, 14 course changes approved, 8 Bulletin changes approved, 7 Double Dawgs proposals approved, 2 Multicultural course proposals approved, 2 Experiential Learning courses approved
- Committee on Academic Standards: 3 petitions, no votes
- Faculty Affairs: no report
- Planning and Evaluation: no report

New Business:

- A letter was sent to President Morehead addressing the Resolutions that were approved at the October 15th meeting. The letter was received.
  - The response did not address the resolutions, and there was no direct reply to the invitation to attend a Faculty Senate meeting.
  - The timeframes listed in the second paragraph were not accurate, and the length of time is not a defense against future action. Corporations and schools are responding to similar events even decades after the events occur.
  - The third paragraph shifts responsibility onto the faculty in the building by stating that faculty with offices in Baldwin Hall did not warn the University about the existence of graves.
  - The research grant is not a proactive response, although the University is treating it as one
  - Question: Should we be more public about the resolutions? This was considered because the University will most likely try to bury the resolutions. The full report on Baldwin Hall could be summarized so it is easier to read.
  - Question: What are the next steps as the University is unlikely to address the resolutions?
    - The Faculty Senate could make positive statements about the University's inclusion in the Consortium and tie the ideas back to Baldwin Hall to keep it in the conversation instead of directly responding to the President's letter in a public fashion.
    - The resolutions could be passed to University Council, but the procedures for this would need to be researched and discussed.
      - The resolutions could be passed to the Executive Committee of the University Council as an informational item.
    - Some departments are writing support letters for the resolutions. Chris is available to speak to departments wanting to support the resolutions.
- A vote will be held at the first Spring meeting on the dissolution of the ad hoc committee on Baldwin Hall.
  - Three members can't continue to serve or feel that the charge has been fulfilled, so dissolution is a practical matter.
  - Members could still work informally.
  - The members were thanked for their service.

Old Business: None was reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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