Franklin College Faculty Senate

Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, 20 August 2019

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 250 of the Miller Learning Center, Jennifer Rice presiding.

Members Present: Yohannes Abate, Michael Bachmann, Brian Binder, Peter Brosius, Josh Bynum, Tom Cerbu, Katie Chapman, Brian Condie, Gauri Datta, Allison Farley Raffle, Timothy Gupton, Cindy Hahamovitch, DeLoris Hesse, Steve Holland, Kristin Kundert, Sidney Kushner, Gary Lautenschlager, Vera Lee-Schoenfeld, Megan Lutz, Alisa Luxenberg, Kendall Marchman, Silvia Moreno, Emily Mouilso, Chris Peterson, Jordan Pickett, Chris Pizzino, Khaled Rasheed, Nancee Reeves, Jennifer Rice, Cassia Roth, Rohan Sikri, Leslie Gordon Simons, Anne Summers, Michael Usher, Hang Yin

Proxies: Sarah Blankenship for Suzanne Ellenberger; Rebecca Gose for Lisa Fusillo;

Members not present: Richard Hubbard, Betina Kaplan, Caner Kazanci, Tianming Liu, Soroya McFarlane, Joe Norman

Guests: Mary Bedell; Lee Shearer (*Athens Banner-Herald*)

Approval of the minutes of the 16 April 2019 meeting: approved unanimously.

President Jennifer Rice's Remarks

- Welcome to all new and returning Senators.
- President Rice introduced the Officer and Committee Chairs for the 2019-2020 Senate:
    - Jennifer Rice (President)
    - Tom Cerbu (President-Elect)
    - Suzanne Ellenberger (via semester-long proxy, Sarah Blankenship; Secretary)
    - Committee Chairs (Approved at 16 April 2019 meeting)
        - DeLoris Hesse (Executive Committee)
        - Lisa Fusillo (Curriculum Committee)
        - Chris Peterson (Committee on Academic Standards)
        - Yohannes Abate (Faculty Affairs)
        - Brian Binder (Planning and Evaluation)
- Basics of the Senate:
    - We start on time, bring your attendance card (or fill one out up front, there is a limited supply), grab your name card and return it at the close of the meeting
    - Please plan for a 4:45p adjournment; we occasionally run longer
    - We do cancel meetings if there aren't any agenda items
    - Don't forget to arrange for a proxy (preferably from your department, but must be from Franklin College) if you will be absent for a meeting; two absences in a row will result in your removal from the Senate!
    - Communicate regularly with your department and report concerns back to us.
    - Review our by-laws (http://franklin.uga.edu/faculty-senate-laws), our charge, committees, and minutes are all there.
    - Be responsive to committee duties

- Visitors are always welcome, as are brief comments after Senators have had their discussion

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Thank you to Jennifer for her service this year, and welcome back!
- There are a lot of great things going on in Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, and there is a great sense of optimism.
- If you haven't had a chance yet, please see President Morehead's short video from the first day of class (https://youtu.be/CFQBfWlM--I)
- The credit hour and enrollments have continued to increase, for the 4th year in a row:
  - Franklin College 498,000 CH during the 2018 calendar year (a record), corresponding with an increase in the budget of about $1.8million, a second year of budget increases.
  - Part of the increase is related to larger than average enrollments at UGA in the last two years; it is reasonable to expect a decrease in CH in the next few years as the enrollment steadies out.
  - The graduate enrollments and CH have also increased.
  - Some of the increase is also attributable to an increase in online instruction: Summer CH have increased, in part to online courses. There are now about 120 sections offered online in the summer, which provide a great opportunity for students. The online offerings only started in 2013; online courses tend to fill first.
- *Columns* reports an average ACT score or 31, average SAT score of 1359, and an average weighted HS GPA of over 4.0 for the incoming class of freshman, indicating the UGA is becoming increasingly competitive.
  - 5500 students matriculated this year
  - 1/3 of those students self-identify as a minority
- In answer to a question regarding whether administration is pushing back against a new USG rule stating when students must declare a major: Dean Dorsey has no details.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee: No report
- Curriculum Committee: the report was received by President Rice but not read during the meeting. Please see the attachment.
- Committee on Academic Standards: no report
- Faculty Affairs: no report
- Planning and Evaluation: no report

New Business:

- Nominations and Elections for 2019-2020 – Jennifer Rice, Senate President
  - Tom Cerbu (President-Elect) – approved unanimously
  - Suzanne Ellenberger (via semester-long proxy, Sarah Blankenship; Secretary) – approved with one abstention
  - Committee Seat Nominations (http://franklin.uga.edu/sites/default/files/FCAS%20Senate_Proposed%20Committee%20Members%20for%202019-20_revised%20Aug%2020%202019%20to%20correct%20a%20name%20spelling.pdf) – approved unanimously

- Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Baldwin Hall – continuing discussion - Chris Pizzino, English Additional documentation may be found here: http://www.franklin.uga.edu/faculty-senate-agendas , see April 23, 2019 – Special Session. Meeting minutes may be found here: https://www.franklin.uga.edu/faculty-senate-minutes
    - The committee would like clarity on its direction and what the will of the Senate is, as to resolutions and where to go from here, given substantial turnover in Senate membership.
    - We have stopped at possible points of resolutions not yet discussed, and letters from administration not yet addressed or asked to address.
    - Review of the recommendations:
        - Call for apology to the descendent community
        - Call for community consultation
        - Call for apology to Dr. Reitsema
        - Call for engagement with the question of slavery at UGA (partly addressed via call for research, with limitations), and engagement with Universities Studying Slavery (USS; https://slavery.virginia.edu/universities-studying-slavery)
    - Dr. Pizzino reviewed the issue, covering the timeline of events beginning in 2015 through where we stand today (see April 16, 2016 minutes linked above; committee report http://franklin.uga.edu/sites/default/files/Final%20Report%20from%20the%20Ad%20Hoc%20Committee%20on%20Baldwin%20Hall%20--%20Amended%20and%20Accepted%20by%20the%20Senate%20on%20April%2023%2C%202019.pdf)
    - Senate resolutions are nonbinding
    - A letter from five UGA administrators was sent this summer, disagreeing more strongly with Senate Report than President Morehead's original letter from Spring 2019
    - Some community response is frustration that UGA response is research funds for faculty
    - There is firm evidence of additional graves and burial sites that have not been dealt with; it is important that this body have a voice in how a better direction may be chosen.

Old Business: None**.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47p.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Lutz
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Statistics

FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT
August 20, 2019

Curriculum Description	Approved
New Courses Reviewed	131 new courses
Course Changes	54 course changes

Approved:

02 General Education Courses: Various Departments

02 Multicultural Course Proposal: Various Departments

08 Double Dawgs Proposal: Various Departments