Franklin College Faculty Senate

Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 348 of the Miller Learning Center, Dan Nakano presiding.

Members Present: Christine Albright, Analisa Arroyo, Maor Bar-Peled, Mary Bedell, Renato Castelao, Tom Cerbu, Shanta Dhar, Inge DiBella, Diana Downs, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Lisa Fusillo, Kim Gilbert, Adam Goodie, Richard Gordon, Jaclyn Hartenberger, Chad Howe, Richard Hubbard, Maria Hybinette, Takahiro Ito, Kevin Jones, Jain Kwon, Derrick Lemons, Reid Messich, Nicholas Morrissey, Lan Mu, Dan Nakano, Rielle Navitski, Don Nelson, Lakshmish Ramaswamy, Jennifer Rice, Inseok Song, Phillip Stancil, Sarah Wright

Proxies: Fikri Avci (proxy for Lianchun Wang), Tom McNulty (proxy for Jeremy Reynolds), Mark Werner (proxy for for T.N. Sriram)

Members not present: John Achee, Husseina Dinani, Fred Dolezal, Tricia Lootens, Silvia Moreno, Mitch Rothstein

Approval of the minutes of the 21 April 2015 meeting: Approved without corrections.

President Dan Nakano's Remarks

- President Nakano extended his welcome to all, and introduced significant other individuals including President-Elect Lisa Fusillo, Secretary Adam Goodie, Executive Committee Chair Inseok Song, and Sherry Gray of the Dean's Office, who is in charge of organizing meetings).
- The next meeting will be Thursday September 24 – note the odd day of week.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Dean Dorsey extended a thank you to all Senators for service to the Senate.
- Dean Dorsey updated the senate on implementation of the University's Experiential Learning Requirement. University Council passed a motion in April to make this a graduate requirement for all undergraduate students, with details left to schools and colleges, and implementation to begin once full planning has been completed. Dr. Linda Bachman is heading the effort for UGA and is also a longtime friend of the Franklin College, and is working with Noel Fallows on a FCAS draft as a basis for Senate consideration, following consideration by the curriculum committee. The curriculum committee chair has received a draft, and committee members can seek advice and clarification from Dr. Bachman and the Dean's office.
- Dean Dorsey commented on the new small class size initiative, which provides funding to several schools and colleges, including FCAS, mainly for instructional staff in a subset of programs, either tenure stream, lecturers or visiting faculty.
- The online learning fellows program will continue in Summer 2016. A call has gone out for online learning fellows. Fellows form a cohort for mutual support, as well as receiving

expert guidance from FCAS. Summer credit hours have declined over the last several years, with online courses evidently stopping the decline in 2015. Interested faculty should contact their heads, and note the application deadline of September 25.

- The Legacy FAR system has been decommissioned, replaced by UGA Elements. Reporting should be more straightforward, at least after an initial period of entering information. Also, we're moving to online posting of faculty jobs. Such postings have previously been spotty, but now will be more systematic.
- The President and Provost have announced a faculty hiring initiative in the area of informatics, broadly construed. Much of our research has an informatics component (humanities, social sciences, arts, and of course bioinformatics). FCAS has submitted a slate of positions to the Provost, with results expected next week. In parallel, a planning committee has been established to discuss a pan-University Informatics Institute. This is co-chaired by Thiab Taha (Professor and Head, Computer Science) and Lawrence Hornak (Professor and Associate Dean for Research, Engineering). Interested parties may contact Dr. Taha. Meetings start in 2 months' time.
- Q&A: none

Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards Committee: example--Received 18 petitions, approved 10, denied 8.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 43 new courses, and approved 113 course changes. . The Committee also discussed and recommended for approval the Certificate in Sustainability proposal. They will provide a copy of their report.
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

Old Business:

- Proposal – Certificate in Sustainability

Mr. Kirsche presented the Certificate in Sustainability. It is interdisciplinary in nature, combining pillars in social, environmental and economic facets. It will be supported by faculty and administrators in 11 different units, with key FCAS contributors being Ron Balthazor, Malcolm Adams and Mark Farmer. Due to broad interest, the Certificate will be housed in multiple colleges, with administrative support from the Center for Integrative Conservation Research and the Office of Sustainability. Certificate requirements will include 17 credit hours, with an anchor course, one course required from each pillar area, one seminar, a capstone course, and a portfolio. Letters of support have been received from 9 colleges, each committing at least $1,500 and a representative on the advisory board. FCAS has committed $4,320 for a

teaching unit release for the Director. Colleges of Agriculture, Forestry, Ecology, and Environment and Design have already approved the Certificate. Q&A: none.

The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote (36-0).

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New Business:

- Proposal – Scientists Engaged in Education Research (SEER) Center

Dr. Brickman and Dr. Lemons presented the SEER Center. The Center brings together more than 25 researchers engaged in Education Research on STEM disciplines, in many units including FCAS units. The goals of the Center are to develop collaborative grant proposals, and to provide services to departments, such as professional development and events for those interested in becoming involved in STEM research). Q&A: Is this related to CDC's SEER program, which is same acronym for very different thing. (Answer: no.) Does the Center have a building? (Answer: the greatest current aspiration is an office.) It was commented that it is gratifying that heads are devoting funds for speakers and other purposes. (It was remarked in response that the Center will be working with the CTL on coordinating speakers.)

The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote (36-0).

- Committee Chair Nomination:

Planning & Evaluation Committee – Analisa Arroyo (Communication Studies).

The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote (36-0).

- Committee Member nominations (slate) – the previously distributed slate of committee member nominations was presented. Approved.

The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote (36-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Goodie
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Psychology