Franklin College Faculty Senate

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2015

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

Members Present: John Achee, Analisa Arroyo, Maor Bar-Peled, Mary Bedell, Renato Castelao, Tom Cerbu, Shanta Dhar, Inge DiBella, Fred Dolezal, Lisa Fusillo, Kim Gilbert, Adam Goodie, Jaclyn Hartenberger, Chad Howe, Maria Hybinette, Kevin Jones, Jain Kwon, Derrick Lemons, Tricia Lootens, Lan Mu, Dan Nakano, Rielle Navitski, Don Nelson, Lakshmish Ramaswamy, Jeremy Reynolds, Jennifer Rice, Mitch Rothstein, Inseok Song, T.N. Sriram, Phillip Stancil, Rick Tarleton, Sarah Wright

Proxies: Brandon Craswell (proxy for Reid Messich); Steven Grossvogel (proxy for Richard Gordon); Steven Soper (proxy for Husseina Dinani)

Guests: Dean Noel Fallows and Dr. Linda Bachman, to answer questions regarding Experiential Learning Requirement proposal

Members not present: Christine Albright, Diana Downs, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Richard Hubbard, Takahiro Ito, Nicholas Morrissey, Lianchun Wang

Approval of the minutes of the 25 August meeting: Approved without corrections.

President Dan Nakano's Remarks

- President Nakano invited all Senators to introduce themselves, to promote a spirit of comradery and inclusiveness.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- The College is continuing its online fellows program, providing support for faculty to develop online versions of existing classes, to be taught during the summer. It's been going for 3 years, they're very popular, fill to capacity quickly, and allow students to continue studies even though they're not in Athens, as one example of their usefulness. The Dean encouraged all faculty to participate in this. The application deadline is September 25. Please encourage interested colleagues to submit an application.
- Beth Woods (Executive Director for IT) reports that the University is soliciting proposals for the Student Technology Fee from $2,500 to $25,000, due October 2. Proposals should to be successful promise a broad based impact among a diverse set of students, model collaboration among colleges and units, and propose important innovations in student learning.
- On experiential learning, the University Council passed a resolution in spring to support an ELR requirement for all undergraduates. Curriculum Committee has been working with FCAS office (including Dean Fallows) and OVPI (including Dr. Bachman) on what it looks like for FCAS. We're continuing to develop programs, and Dean expressed his strong support for the program.

- Q&A: Does online teaching count toward semester teaching load? It's been in the summer thus far, but there's no reason it couldn't be offered in fall and spring semesters, and count toward AY teaching load. The College is working with Terry College to see what general education requirements of Terry's might be offered online.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Academic Standards Committee: Received 1 appeal, which was denied
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 7 new courses, approved 5 course changes, and several Bulletin changes.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

New Business:

Proposal – Termination of degree, B.A. in Germanic & Slavic Languages. Approval was moved, and approved unanimously.

Proposal – Experiential Learning Implementation Plan. Curriculum Committee reported a unanimous vote. This isn't the final list of classes that will fulfill the requirement, rather the list will be approved on an ongoing basis. Prospective classes will be evaluated on the basis of bulletin and CAPA descriptions, so departments should update those as necessary. Departments may wish to establish new classes for research learning; these should be called "independent research." Dr. Bachman and Dean Fallows provided the following points of clarification. Requests for inclusions will be directed through the FCAS Senate Curriculum Committee, then University Curriculum Committee. The status of existing courses that encompass involvement in a faculty member's research laboratory was discussed. The status of noncredit-generating courses was discussed. It was clarified that this is a new category of requirement, but that it need not be mutually exclusive with other requirements. "Double counting is encouraged in this case." Approval was moved, and approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 PM.

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