

**Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin college of Arts & Sciences
October 19, 2004**

1. Call to Order

Presiding Officer Pro Tem, Randy Hammond [Psychology] called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM in Room 171 of the Student Learning Center.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Anna Karls [Microbiology] for Anne Summers, Kris Boudreau [English] for Adam Parkes and Michelle Ballif, Nancy Felson [Classics] for Erika Hermanowicz

Absences: Antje Ascheid [Drama], Charles Atwood [Chemistry], Sarah Blackwell [Romance Languages], Gert-Jan Boons [Chemistry], Haini Cai [Cellular Biology], Liming Cai [Computer Science], Luis Correa-Diaz [Romance Languages], Jim Coverdill [Sociology], Douglas Crowe [Geology], John Culvahouse [Music], Rebecca Enghauser [Dance], Christine Harold [Speech Communications], Kasia Jerzak [Comparative Literature], Alexi Kojevnikov [History], John Lee [Biochemistry & Molecular Biology], Laura Mason [History], Joseph Mendicino [Biochemistry & Molecular Biology], Barry Palevitz [Plant Biology], George Strobel [Physics/Astronomy], Susan Roberts [Art], Randal Walker [Marine Sciences], Glenn Wallis [Religion], Richard Winfield [Philosophy], Wendy Zomlefer [Plant Biology]

Visitors:

Total: 17 Present, 26 Absent, 0 Visitors

3. The minutes from 21 September 2004 could not be approved because there was no quorum.

4. Comments by the Presiding Officer Pro Tem, Randy Hammond:

Doug Crowe [Geology] is working with other senators on a report that lists the damages caused by recent budget cuts. Amy Ross [Geography] added that they hope to discuss the damage in terms of teaching, research, and service. They hope to get a response from the administration regarding the impacts of the budget cuts. They encourage you to speak with other faculty members and provide feedback on their opinions.

5. Comments by Dean Stokes:

The Dean discussed the current budget situation. She noted that she prepared two budget plans: one for \$953,000 cut and one for \$3 million cut. The larger budget cut is no longer being considered. Dr. Stokes remarked that she does not expect

to cut the travel or operating budgets and that temporary savings will be used to account for the \$953,000 budget cut. There is a lot of uncertainty about the FY06 budget. There is \$585,000 available for faculty recruitment and recruitment has been authorized for a number of positions in departments who were previously on the list for new faculty hires or ones where they did not renew contracts.

The Dean then addressed a number of questions from faculty senators about the budget, faculty benefits, and sabbaticals.

6. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 18 November at 3:30 in 171 of the Student Learning Center. Agenda items for the next meeting are due by 4 November.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Andrew Grundstein, Geography