

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

November 15, 2001

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1. Call to Order: Presiding Officer Irwin Bernstein called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: Senator Robert Rumely for Edward Azoff (Mathematics); Senator Nina Hellerstein for Steven Grossvogel (Romance Languages); Senator David Leigh for Ikubolajeh Logan (Geography); Stefanie Crumbley for Jean Martin (Music) and Stephen Valdez (Music); Senator Renaldo Roman for Claudio Saunt (History); and Senator Alisa Luxenberg for Gene Wright (Art). **Absent:** Gary Barrett - Second Absence - (Ecology); Dezso Benedek - Fourth Absence - (Comparative Literature); Charles Eidsvik - Second Absence - (Drama); and Ervan Garrison (Geology). 36 Present, 4 Absent. **Visitor:** Former Senator Paul Gurian (Political Science).

3. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of 20 September, 2001 with one correction.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of 23 October, 2001 with one correction.

One of the two Senators from Political Science was not attending because he believed his department was no longer in The College of Arts and Sciences. Dean Wyatt Anderson agreed that the department is not now in Arts and Sciences.

5. Remarks by the Presiding Officer:

Officer Irwin Bernstein noted that in a series of elections conducted by the Professional Concerns Committee, Susan Quinlan of Romance Languages had been elected by the Arts and Sciences Faculty to the President's Faculty Advisory Board.

We will hear today from Professional Concerns about Parking, and the Dean also has some correspondence on the issue. It is a mess, but hopefully we can resolve some of the uncertainties and propose some solutions.

We heard last meeting about the proposed Adult College. The Steering Committee has sent the matter to both the Admissions Committee and the Curriculum Committee for their consideration and input. This is a complex issue, but hopefully we can work together to implement such a program. It will certainly impact the

college in several ways. The only pressure is that they would like to start the Adult College in January. Perhaps we should consider the first semester of the Adult College a trial phase, which would not require our immediate formal approval. This will take a lot of thought, and we should have periodic updates from these two committees. I know most of us were shaken to learn that Georgia ranks 50th in the nation in post-secondary education of individuals over 25 years-of-age, and 48th in the nation in post-secondary education of the entire population. Georgia has had a rapid growth in its post-secondary education opportunities, but there will be increasing pressure on these due to population growth in addition to trying to serve the current adult population such as is the aim of the Adult College. We should try to plan accordingly.

6. Remarks by Dean Wyatt Anderson:

The College is still waiting to learn its financial status. The University will learn of the decisions of the Board of Regents in the next few weeks, and we expect that in early December the University Administration will have reached its decisions.

The only other major activity is the question of the impact on the College of the proposed changes in the admissions of the Business College, as well be discussed again today by the Admissions Committee.

7. Further Remarks by the Presiding Officer:

Officer Bernstein reminded the Senate of the procedures to get items on the Agenda or Senate action in other matters. They can be addressed to the Steering Committee, which may pass them to the appropriate committee. Also, committees should generate their own action items. What are emerging issues; what information is needed? Let us know you are active.

8. Committee Reports:

Academic Standards: Chair David Leigh (Geography) reported that the committee met on 30 October, 2001, and reviewed a total of 9 student petitions. Six petitions were approved, two were denied, and one petition had two appeals of which one was approved and the other denied.

Although not action items, three items were presented by the Committee and were discussed by the Senate. The first two were the result of requests by Senator Alisa Luxenberg (Art).

1) Excessive Withdrawals by Particular Students: Should the Senate recommend some mechanism to reduce the use of withdrawals by certain students? Chair Leigh noted that the Hope Scholarship Program had a limit for withdrawals, but other mechanisms were possible. The Committee was going to suggest that the Steering Committee consider further action, but Officer Bernstein said the Academic Standards Committee need not go back to Steering, but could make their own recommendations. No substantive discussion.

2) Use of +/- or Other Grading System beyond Current A-F System: The Committee was generally in favor of some kind of grading system that had more levels than the current one, and was interested in what was the opinion of the College Faculty.

As background, Leigh said that an earlier recommendation for a +/- policy had made it all the way to the Regents, where it has languished without a vote. A key issue is that it would have to a system-wide policy.

Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg discovered through a list-serve that of 14 other colleges who responded, 11 had some form of +/- grading.

There was an extensive discussion on both sides of the issue. Senator Luxenberg (Art) said that five levels were not sufficient, and that perhaps individual faculty might be able to choose which scale they would use. Associate Dean Ruppensburg noted that this issue had been discussed several times in the history of the Senate; the Academic Standards committee was not initially aware of that history; and that faculty would effectively not be free to choose which system to use if a +/- system was available. Several Senators said the current system already had a sufficient number of levels, perhaps too many already. It was suggested that the Committee could consider a straw vote on the issue to guide further action by the Committee.

As individuals, a straw vote of the Senate members: in favor of an increase in the levels of the grading system: 23 yea, 4 nay, 8 abstain.

3) Guidelines for Posthumous Degrees: The Committee reported that, pending legal review, they had created an internal Committee document that listed the criteria by which requests for Posthumous Degrees would be considered.

Several requests are received each year by the Academic Standards Committee, and are forwarded to the University Council Committee on Educational Affairs. Having such a list would serve both Committees and those requesting such degrees. Officer Bernstein noted that institutional memory is important, and a way to accomplish this is to present the guidelines as a resolution, or in another way, so that they are in the minutes of the Senate.

Chair Leigh said that the working criteria are: 1) Have declared the major, have 30 resident hours, have earned 12 hours toward the major and 90 more hours toward the degree, and have senior status. 2) Have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA. 3) Have distinction outside of the classroom. 4) Have letters of recommendation by the Department Head, another faculty member of the department, and one other adult. 5) Application within three semesters (counting Summer) after the student's last semester. Chair Leigh said that the Committee would continue work on these.

Admissions: Chair Mark Cooney (Sociology) reported that the Committee met on 30 October and approved two petitions.

As a result of the Committee's research into the impact of the restrictive changes in the enrollment in Business School with a corresponding increase in the enrollment in the College of Arts and Sciences, reported at the last meeting and in its minutes, the Committee presented the outline of a resolution. It requested of the University Council that the change in enrollment not occur until resources were provided to Arts and Sciences to accommodate the increase in its enrollment.

Chair Cooney reported that according to the Dean's Office, the College will not get such resources. Any excess capacity that might have existed in the College has been exhausted by increase in total enrollment at the University and by the Resource Reallocation. If support were provided, the College could hire extra instructors for extra courses. If that support was not provided, then the College would have to increase the size of classes up to the limits imposed by class room space (the main complaint by the students in the Business College), and require that faculty teach more courses, which would affect morale and recruitment.

Chair Cooney said that the motion was intended to try to get commitments in advance. One difficulty is that it is not at all clear who will make the decision about the Business School enrollment. It may be internal to the Business School, or be made by the Council's Admissions Committee, or by the full Council, or by the Board of Regents. Even the Business School is in the dark as to who will make the decision.

Dean Anderson said he strongly supports the actions of the Admissions Committee, and he was also not clear who will make the enrollment decision. He reported that Provost Karen Holbrook encouraged the Senate to provide its opinion. The main concern in the Dean's Office is that the College will have 1000-2000 additional students without any additional resources.

Officer Bernstein suggested the motion be reworded and brought up as an action item under New Business.

Senator Nancy Felson (Classics) asked who admits students to the College of Arts and Sciences. Chair Cooney and Officer Bernstein replied that the University Council sets the University admissions standards but other Colleges have higher standards. Consequently, Arts and Sciences has had to be the default College with admission standards the same as those of the University. For instance, a person applying to the Business School who did not meet their standards, but met the University (hence Arts and Sciences) standards, would be admitted by the Arts and Sciences Pre-Business Program.

Committee on Committees: Chair Glenn Galau (Botany) noted that the committee assignments of the two departing Senators from Political Science would have to be filled. Nominations would be made during the next meeting.

Curriculum: Senator David Williams (Religion) reported for Chair Gene Wright (Art). Associate Vice President for Instruction James Fletcher had requested of the College why it was the only College that had a 15-hr rule for general electives (no more than 15 hr of general electives may be taken in courses outside the College). Michelle Garfield in the Dean's Office discovered that the rule first appeared in the 1971-72 Bulletin, but apparently there is no memory of its purpose. The Curriculum Committee will consider deleting the rule.

Professional Concerns: Chair Ben Blount (Anthropology) presented a summary of as yet informal report to the Senate about the Committee's review of University policy concerning parking on football weekends (see Appendix B for the formal report). The reports contain three specific points, including two specific recommendations (in bold font). Chair Blount had forwarded the informal report to Assistant Manager for Parking Services, Jennifer Tougus, who had asked for input about future regulations from a variety of individuals, including Senator Blount.

Chair Blount had just returned from a planning meeting for parking regulations, to which he had been invited. He said that several realities drive parking regulations: 1) Spaces in central campus are continuing to disappear and this trend will continue. Proposed solutions include increased bus service, use of bicycles, and walking; 2) The vast majority of the campus population, in all categories, live off campus and must drive to campus. Parking in periphery lots is also being lost.

Therefore, parking will continue to be further out, with secondary transit into the campus. A system of cost incentives is also being proposed such that the cost of parking will be higher for more central spaces; 3) There is wide-spread support to combine Employee with the Staff and Faculty category. This proposal is

important enough to discuss further in the Professional Concerns Committee; 4) Our recommendation to the Senate in the informal report, concerning ability of parking by the Music faculty on Fridays before football games, is unlikely to work. Several at the meeting said that parking near Music was in fact available, if not directly next to the building; 5) It appears that there must be a change in the parking and traffic cultures; a major problem now is driving within campus from and to the Ramsey Center, even though bus service is available.

In summary, Chair Blount said that Parking Services was very receptive to the problems the informal report raises, and they would forward them to the Athletic Association. Officer Bernstein indicated that after the Professional Concerns Committee had further considered the issues, if they wished them transmitted as the opinion of the Senate, they should be presented as action items at a later time.

Comment by Senator Juergen Wiegel (Microbiology): He had twice tried to get official approval to enter lots after the Friday deadline. Regardless of what the regulations are, the individuals in control of the lots do not know them or do not follow them.

Response by Senator Blount: The committee would consider how to correct this.

Planning; Steering: No Reports.

6. Old Business: None.

7. New Business:

Action Item regarding the Terry College's Enrollment Policies

Admissions Committee Chair Mark Cooney presented the following resolution:

"The Senate recommends that University Council and all other relevant decision-making bodies decline to adopt the Terry College's new enrollment policies until the resources necessary to absorb the additional students that the College of Arts and Sciences will receive are committed to the College of Arts and Sciences."

The resolution was approved unanimously. Officer Bernstein would compose and transmit the letter (see Appendix A)

Action Items regarding Parking at Football Games

Professional Concerns Chair Ben Blount offered two resolutions, each of which were modified and discussed individually. The final form of each is below:

"The Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate recommends that the University regulations governing football parking be followed according to the policies as stated in *Campus Parking: Map & Regulations 2001-2002*. The current practice of posting signs at reserve area parking lots stating that vehicles will be towed from the lots if not moved by 7:00 p.m. on Friday is inconsistent with the stated policy of towing from faculty areas only after 6:00 a.m. on Saturday (Article VI, Section B, Provision 6). In addition, the stated policy governing access to parking in reserve areas by faculty who need special access to their offices or laboratories on Saturday is inconsistently applied, with some faculty reporting that their requests for access have been denied (Article VI, Section B, Provision 7)."

The above resolution was approved unanimously.

"The Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate recommends that a number of parking spaces in a lot adjacent to the Music Building be designated for faculty parking. The current policy of allowing motor homes and recreational vehicles to park at the Motor Coach Club Lot on Thursdays after 6:00 p.m. (*Parking Lots Map for UGA Football*), has precluded faculty in the School of Music from having access to that lot on Fridays. Access to parking has become a problem for faculty teaching classes on Fridays and especially on Friday afternoons. Designated faculty parking in the Employee lot directly behind the Music Building or in the Controlled Perimeter Access lot directly in front of the Music Building would be a solution to the problem."

The above resolution was approved unanimously.

Both resolutions were to be forwarded by Officer Bernstein (see Appendix C).

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Submitted by Glenn Galau