Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 22 February 2011

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

Members present: Joshua Barkan, Maor Bar-Peled, Renate Born, Wayne Coppins, Chris Cuomo, Fred Dolezal, Scott Dougan, Michael Geller, William Graham, Christopher Hocking, Philip Holmes, Charles Hopkinson, Kang Li, Nicolás Lucero, Kanzo Nakayama, Marta Patiño-Douce, Diana Ranson, Patricia Richards, Michael Robinson, John Rose, Mitch Rothstein, Nick Rynearson, Adam Sabra, Mark Schell, Jake Short, Chris Sieving, , Susan Tanner, Karim Traore, Stefaan Van Liefferinge, Rheeda Walker Obasi, Aidan Wasley, Mark Wheeler, Xiangrong Yin

Proxies: Lynne Seymour (for Gauri Datta), Tina Salguero (for Tim Dore), Paul Schroeder (for Ray Freeman-Lynde), Brett Bawcum (for John Lynch), Xiaobai Yao (for Marguerite Madden), Kelly Happe (for Roger Stahl), Sheng-Cheng Wu (for Lianchun Wang)

Members not present: Mike Arnold, Jim Lauderdale, Ron Orlando

Approval of the minutes of the 25 January 2011 meeting: Approved without discussion.

Remarks by presiding officer Diana Ranson: Professor Ranson reminded Senators that the March 22 meeting will be held in a different location, Miller Learning Center 171. The Senate meeting will be followed at 4:30 by a meeting of Franklin College Faculty with Provost Morehead and she encouraged Senators to stay for that meeting.

Remarks by Dean Stokes: Dean Stokes encouraged the faculty to attend the planned buffet dinner preceding the Franklin College graduation, as well as to participate in nominating staff for awards. She spoke substantially on the fiscal condition of the university, summarizing a meeting of vice-presidents, deans, the Provost and the President that took place the previous week. The university has since 2008 lost some $130 million in state support. Dramatic cuts currently contemplated for next fiscal year include some 8.6% or $32 million from the university budget, and, in a new development, no annual “formula money” based on credit hour production, meaning the loss of several million dollars for the next fiscal year. Cuts in the current fiscal year will not affect the Franklin College thanks to a $10 million contingency fund. Furloughs are not planned for next year and enrollment is expected to remain steady. There is a possible tuition increase for 2012, pointing to the growing independence of the university from the state. For the first time next year, the university will receive more money from tuition than from the state.

New business:

Christine Miller, Assistant Dean for Information Technology in the Franklin College, presented an overview of the Online Course Evaluation System which has been in place since 2005. Currently some 20 departments in the Franklin College are using this system with an overall student response rate of approximately 50%. The discussion following the presentation focused on improving the student response rate and the use made of these evaluations by the administration. There is a website entitled "Successes in Online Course Evaluations" that contains ideas on how to increase student participation: http://www.franklin.uga.edu/faculty_staff/documents/successes_online_course_evaluation.php
Dean Stokes said that the College administration does not look at student course evaluations directly, but assumes that they are included in promotion and tenure review, post-tenure review, and award nominations. Assistant Dean Miller reported that Fiona Liken in the Office of the Vice President for Instruction wants the responses to the four university-wide questions sent to the University Council, but we don't know yet how these will be used.

Committee Reports:

Academic Standards Committee: Received eight petitions, of which six were approved and two denied. They also reviewed a proposal on limiting the course load for Maymester to one course, but they could not support the proposal, especially because of the greater course loads offered in Study Abroad programs, and therefore did not bring the issue before the Senate.

Curriculum Committee: The committee reported approval of six new courses, five course proposals and nine course changes.

Executive Committee: No new business reported.

Faculty Affairs Committee: No new business reported.

Committee on Planning and Evaluation: No new business reported.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Short, Secretary and Senator from History

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February 22, 2011

Curriculum Description	Approved
New Courses Reviewed	6 new courses
Course Changes	9 course changes

Proposals Approved:

CMLT/AFST 3151 to satisfy Franklin College Literature Requirement
MARS 1011 to satisfy Franklin College Physical Sciences Requirement
African Languages & Literature Minor Changes
Spanish Major and Minor Changes
RELI 4107 to be taught as an IDL course