

**Franklin College Faculty Senate**  
**Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM in room 328 of Boyd Graduate Studies, Dana Bultman presiding.

**Members Present:** Ibigbolade Aderibigbe, Christine Albright, Budak Arpinar, Maor Bar-Peled, Mary Bedell, Dana Bultman, Brandon Craswell, Trina Cyterski, Shanta Dhar, Inge DiBella, Husseina Dinani, Fred Dolezal, Rebecca Enghauser, Christine Franklin, Shelby Funk, Kim Gilbert, Kelly Happe, Uwe Happek, Charles Hopkinson, Chad Howe, Miriam Jacobson, Natarajan Kannan, Jim Lauderdale, Reid Messich, Lan Mu, Dan Nakano, Virginia Nazarea, Robert Phillips, Mike Roden, Inseok Song, Richard Suplita, Karim Traore, Sarah Wright, and Angela Yao.

**Proxies:** Jorge Escalante (proxy for Diana Downs)

**Members not present:** Christopher Eaket, Patricia Richards, Dan Rood, Mitch Rothstein, Saral Surakul, Jon Swindler, and Zachary Wood.

**Visitors:** None

**Approval of the minutes of the 18 February 2014 meeting:** Approved without corrections.

**President Dana Bultman's Remarks**

- President Bultman asked the Senators to consider individuals for nomination as President-elect and Secretary in the academic year 2014-15. The Senate will vote on these new officers at the April 2014 meeting. Both President Bultman and Secretary Franklin's senate terms end in 2014.

**Associate Dean Thomas' Remarks**

- Dean Dorsey sent his regrets that he could not attend due to a conflicting meeting with the Provost.
- Associate Dean Thomas noted that the state FY15 budget is close to being approved by the state legislature. It is expected there will be 11 million dollars allocated for system wide merit raises and faculty recruitment/retention. The budget includes 44.7 million dollars for the new Science Learning Center and 4.9 million dollars for renovations to Baldwin Hall.
- Associate Dean Thomas informed the Senate that Franklin College was given 100 research grants to award totalling half a million dollars.
- Associate Dean Thomas updated the Senate on tenure track faculty searches currently being conducted: 12 positions have been filled; 5 offers are out to candidates; and 16 searches are still ongoing.

- During Q and A, Associate Dean Thomas was asked about the naming of the Science Learning Center; specifically, what happen to the proposed name of STEM Learning Center? She indicated she would follow up on this question.

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Standards Committee: Received 3 appeals; all 3 approved.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 4 new courses, approved 7 course changes, and approved 4 proposals.
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

Before the meeting was adjourned, it was requested by some senators that Senate meetings next year be alternated between north and south campus to equalize the convenience factor of attending the Senate meetings for all members. For example, consider having the meetings at the MLC one semester and Boyd Graduate Studies another semester. Vocally, there appeared to be a consensus among the senators.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Franklin  
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Statistics

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**March 18, 2014**

<b>Curriculum Description</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>New Courses Reviewed</b>	4 new courses
<b>Course Changes</b>	7 course changes
<b>Proposals Approved:</b>  <b>Romance Languages – new option in Spanish/Portuguese</b> <b>Music Bulletin Changes</b> <b>Art Bulletin Changes</b> <b>Russian Bulletin Changes</b>	