

**Franklin College Faculty Senate**  
**Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 102 of Miller Learning Center, 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, Diana Downs, Rebecca Enghauser, Christine Franklin, Shelby Funk, Kim Gilbert, Charles Hopkinson, Miriam Jacobson, Natarajan Kannan, Jim Lauderdale, Reid Messich, Lan Mu, Dan Nakano, Virginia Nazarea, Robert Phillips, Patricia Richards, Mike Roden, Dan Rood, Inseok Song, Richard Suplita, Saral Surakul, Karim Traore, Zachary Wood, Sarah Wright, and Angela Yao.

**Proxies:** Lesley Ferache (proxy for Chad Howe) and Katie Geha (proxy for Jon Swindler)

**Members not present:** Christopher Eaket, Kelly Happe, Uwe Happek, and Mitch Rothstein.

**Visitors:** None

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

**President Dana Bultman's Remarks**

- President Bultman along with Secretary Franklin said thank you to the Senate for the privilege of serving as officers.
- President Bultman's only comment to was to remind the Senate that at the last Senate meeting in April 2013, it was noted there was concern that first year faculty members should not be selected by departments to serve on the Franklin Faculty Senate.

**Dean Dorsey's Remarks**

- Dean Dorsey said thank you to President Bultman, Secretary Franklin, and President Elect Funk for their service as Senate officers this year. He also said thank you to all Committee Chairs and Senators for their service to the Senate. Dean Dorsey congratulated Secretary Franklin on her Fulbright Scholar Award to New Zealand for academic year 2014-15.
- Dean Dorsey announced the annual open Franklin faculty meeting: 3:00pm April 29, 2014 in 102 Miller Learning Center.
- Dean Dorsey noted that the legislative budget includes money for project funding. First, the Science Learning Center at 44.7 million dollars. Architectural plans are being developed in collaboration with a committee of department heads at UGA. The goal is to have the SLC completed by Summer 2016 with Fall 2016 classes. For a second project, there is 7.75 million dollars for renovations and an annex to Baldwin Hall.

- Dean Dorsey stated that there is a 4% merit raise pool (combination of state and UGA money) for faculty and staff. Dean Dorsey recommended speaking to department heads for information on how the merit raise money will be distributed. Dean Dorsey also announced there will be a 5% increase in the base rate of Graduate Teaching Assistantships. This is in addition to the internal Franklin College increase that was given this academic year.
- Dean Dorsey announced that Ryan Nesbit is the new Vice President for Finance and Administration and that Kelly Kerner is the new Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations. The Dean also announced there is a search committee in place for the Dean of the Graduate School.
- At the March 2014 Senate meeting, the question was posed about the naming of the Science Learning Center; specifically, what happen to the proposed name of STEM Learning Center? Dean Dorsey followed up on this inquiry by saying that in 2009, the concept of this project was much grander with more departments on campus being proposed as part of this project. With time, the building became smaller with fewer programs and departments resulting in a building that will be primarily teaching space for the sciences.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Academic Standards Committee: No new business reported.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 5 new courses, approved 5 course changes, and approved 3 proposals.
- Executive Committee: The chair noted that care was given in both selecting the nominees for the College Award Committee (to have representation from every division of Arts and Sciences) and in the selection of chair nominees for Senate committees. Both the College Award Committee nominees and Senate Committee chairs will be voted upon in New Business.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: The report from this committee will be ready in Fall 2014.

#### **New Business:**

- Nominations and Elections for 2013-14: President-elect nominee: Dan Nakano; Secretary nominee: Christine Albright
- Committee Chair Nominations: James Lauderdale (Academic Standards Committee); Chad Howe (Curriculum Committee); Jon Swindler (Executive Committee); Michael Roden (Faculty Affairs Committee); Fredric Dolezal (Planning & Evaluation Committee). **All nominees were approved unanimously. The vote was 38 approve.**
- College Awards Committee Nominations and Vote: William Finlay – Sociology (Social & Behavioral Sciences); Elizabeth Wright – Romance Languages (Humanities); Mary A.

Bedell – Genetics (Life Sciences); Janice Simon – Lamar Dodd School of Art (Fine & Applied Arts); Quing Zhang – Mathematics (Physical & Mathematical Sciences).  
**All nominees were approved unanimously. The vote was 38 approve.**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:49 pm.

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

## **Franklin College Awards Committee Nominations for 2014**

Dr. William Finlay – Sociology (Social & Behavioral)

Dr. Elizabeth Wright - Spanish and Romance Languages (Humanities)

Dr. Mary A. Bedell – Genetics (Life Sciences)

Dr. Janice Simon – Art History (Fine & Applied Arts)

Dr. Qing Zhang – Math (Physical & Math)

### **Brief Biographies**

#### **Dr. William Finlay's Biography**

Dr. William Finlay is Professor of Sociology. His research interests are in the areas of the workplace and organizations and he is currently engaged in research projects on recruiters and the South African wine industry.

Dr. Finlay has been actively engaging in pedagogical activities for improving undergraduate and graduate education. He has received many teaching awards or professorships including the Sandy Beaver Excellence in Teaching Award (1995), the Sandy Beaver Teaching Professorship (1999-2002), the M.G. Michael Award (2010), two Lothar Tresp Outstanding Honors Professor Awards (2011; 2014), and the Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professorship (2012). Dr. Finlay also serves as CTL Senior Teaching Fellow for 2013-2014.

#### **Dr. Elizabeth Wright's Biography**

Dr. Elizabeth Wright is Associate Professor of Spanish and Romance Languages. She has received the M.G. Michael Award (2001), and numerous outside awards and grants including three NEH fellowships, a Fulbright, and a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center residency.

#### **Dr. Mary A. Bedell's Biography**

Dr. Mary Bedell is Associate Professor of Genetics. Her research was laboratory-based and focused on understanding the molecular basis of cell-to-cell signaling during development of germ cells. She was awarded two grants, the first from the NSF and the second from the NIH. She also served a four-year term on a grant review panel for the NIH. Her current research examines how the recent advances in molecular genetics and whole-genome analyses have altered the ways in which undergraduate genetics is taught.

In 2008, Dr. Bedell made the decision to end her laboratory research and consequently, her EFT was changed to 60% teaching and 15% research. All of her teaching is now in undergraduate

courses, primarily GENE3200 and BIOL1107. Both of these are large enrollment courses (500 – 600 students per semester) that are required of all majors in the Biological Sciences. In addition, she teaches an upper level course in human genetics. Dr. Bedell was selected to be a Senior Teaching Fellow in the CTL in 2013 and was inducted into the Teaching Academy of UGA. In 2014, she was awarded a Sandy Beaver Excellence in Teaching Award from Franklin College.

### **Dr. Janice Simon's Biography**

Dr. Janice Simon is Associate Professor of Art History. She is a faculty member of the Lamar Dodd School of Art since 1988, she has taught a wide variety of subjects related to American art on both the undergraduate and graduate levels including American landscape painting, the Art of Alfred Hitchcock, the Blue Four in America, and Spirituality in Modern Art. She has been honored with numerous teaching awards including the University's highest honors for junior faculty, the Richard Russell Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching (1992), and the University's most prestigious distinction, the Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professorship (2006). Professor Simon has also been awarded a Sandy Beaver Teaching Award (1998), among other teaching recognitions (Pan Hellenic Council; Teaching Academy Member; First Year Seminar Outstanding Instructor Award, and recently, Student Government Association Outstanding Professor Award).

### **Dr. Qing Zhang's biography**

Professor Qing Zhang is Professor of Mathematics at University of Georgia. He received his B.Sc. from Nankai University in 1983 and M.Sc. and Ph.D. from Brown University in 1985 and 1988, respectively. His research interests include stochastic system and control, filtering, and applications in manufacturing and finance. He has published more than 100 journal papers and four monographs on two-time scale Markovian systems and application in manufacturing. He co-edited five books and was an associate editor of IEEE Transactions on Automatic control, Automatica, and SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization. He is currently a corresponding editor of SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization. He also served on a number of international conference organizing committees including Co-Chair of AMS-SIAM Summer Seminar in Manufacturing in 1996 and Co-Chair of AMS-IMS-SIAM Summer Research Conference in Mathematics of Finance in 2003.

Dr. Zhang received a Creative Research Medal for outstanding accomplishment in research and creativity in 2000 and a M. G. Michael Award for new initiatives in scholarship and excellence in research in 2009.

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**April 22, 2014**

<b>Curriculum Description</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>New Courses Reviewed</b>	5 new courses
<b>Course Changes</b>	5 course changes
<p><b>Proposals Approved:</b></p> <p><b>Romance Languages Bulletin Changes</b> <b>Linguistics Bulletin Changes</b> <b>New Area of Emphasis in Applied Mathematics</b></p>	