Franklin College Faculty Senate

Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM in room 101 of the Miller Learning Center, Dana Bultman presiding.

Members Present: Christine Albright, Budak Arpinar, Mary Bedell, Dana Bultman, Brandon Craswell, Trina Cyterski, Shanta Dhar, Inge DiBella, Husseina Dinani, Fred Dolezal, Christopher Eaket, Rebecca Enghauser, Christine Franklin, Shelby Funk, Kim Gilbert, Kelly Happe, Uwe Happek, Charles Hopkinson, Miriam Jacobson, Natarajan Kannan, Jim Lauderdale, Reid Messich, Lan Mu, Dan Nakano, Virginia Nazarea, Robert Phillips, Mike Roden, Dan Rood, Inseok Song, Richard Suplita, Saral Surakul, Karim Traore, Zachary Wood, and Angela Yao.

Proxies: Jorge Escalante (proxy for Diana Downs), Tom Peterson (proxy for Chad Howe).

Members not present: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe, Maor Bar-Peled, Mitch Rothstein, David Smilde, Jon Swindler, and Sarah Wright.

Visitors: Malcolm Adams and Ron Balthazor.

Approval of the minutes of the 20 August 2013 meeting: Approved without corrections.

President Dana Bultman's Remarks

- No remarks.

Dean Dorsey's Remarks

- Dean Dorsey provided an update on building projects. On September 11, two UGA projects were approved by the Board of Regents: (1) The new Science Learning Center, a 44.7 million dollar project hopefully in the FY15 budget and (2) Expansion and renovation of Baldwin Hall, a 4.9 million dollar project. Both of these projects have been submitted to the Governor for his approval. Currently in progress is the renovation of the Fine Arts Building.
- Dean Dorsey indicated that Franklin College for academic year 2013-14 has authorized 21 tenure-track positions in Arts and Sciences. Fifteen of these positions are new and six positions are hold-overs from last year. He noted there are fewer positions this year due to funding the graduate student stipend increases. The Dean informed the Senate that another President's hiring initiative has been authorized. There will be 10-12 positions campus wide. The positions are to be interdisciplinary. Proposals for these positions are due September 24, 2013.
- During Q & A, Dean Dorsey was asked about the 4-course teaching load for the interdisciplinary positions of the President's hiring initiative and whether there is flexibility. The Dean indicated he would make case by case justifications for flexibility in this course load number. There was also concern expressed by some Senators about the support structure across departments for tenure with these interdisciplinary positions. Dean Dorsey expressed that these positions are experimental with the goal of promoting interdisciplinary work.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards Committee: Received 1 appeal that was denied.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 7 new courses, approved 10 course changes, and approved 5 proposals.
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported.

New Business:

- Interdisciplinary Certificate in Sustainability Undergraduate Proposal (approved by Franklin Curriculum Committee). Ron Balthazor presented the proposal and answered questions from the Senators. He noted that there are 3 main components for sustainability: ecological, economic, and social. Overall, the Senators were supportive of the certificate. There was some concern expressed that enough science is included in the certificate and how the certificate will work across colleges. Ron requested that his email (rlbaltha@uga.edu) be included in the minutes so individuals can contact him with questions. The proposal was approved. The vote was 29 approve, 5 opposed, and 2 abstain.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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

FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT
September 17, 2013

Curriculum Description	Approved
New Courses Reviewed	7 new courses
Course Changes	10 course changes

Proposals Approved:

Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Certificate in Sustainability (April approval)
New DIGI Prefix Proposal
Religion Bulletin Changes
Music Bulletin Changes
History Bulletin Changes