

**Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
October 20, 2005**

1. Call to Order
Presiding Officer Pro Tem Jim Coverdill [Sociology] called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm in Room 150 of the Student Learning Center.
2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:
 - a. Proxies: Gary Lautenschlager [Psychology] for Keith Campbell, Bruce Railsback [Geology] for Sandra Wyld, Malcolm Adams [Mathematics] for Mitch Rothstein, Jason Cantarella [Mathematics] for Elham Izadi, Susan Roberts [Art] for Asen Kirin,
 - b. Absences: Gert-Jan Boons [Chemistry], Liming Cai [Computer Science], Jim De Haseth [Chemistry], Lisa Fusillo [Dance], Ben Ehlers [History], Tom McNulty [Sociology], Barry Palevitz [Plant Biology]. Adam Parkes [English], John Wares [Genetics], Jim Wright [Geology].
 - c. Visitors: none.
 - d. Total: 32 Present, 9 Absent.
3. The minutes from September 15, 2005 were approved
4. Comments by the Presiding Officer Pro Tem, Jim Coverdill:
 - a. 30% of the Franklin College Faculty participated in the vote to amend Article IV (Department Heads) and Article V (Grade Appeals). Both amendments passed.
 - b. Provost Arnett Mace will attend the November 17 meeting, and Senators should prepare for this meeting; the Steering committee will prepare a set of questions for Dr. Mace.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Committee on Committees: no report
 - b. Academic Standards: no report.
 - c. Admissions: no report.
 - d. Curriculum Committee: no report.
 - e. Planning: no report.
 - f. Steering Committee: The Steering Committee (Sarah Blackwell (chair), Asen Kirin, Joseph Mendicino, Richard Winfield, and Mitch Rothstein (ex-officio)) met on Friday, October 14 at 2:30 to discuss an issue raised by Hugh Ruppensburg, as to how to interpret the new procedures for grade appeals, in the case that a department grade appeal committee finds in favor of the student, and the faculty member wants to appeal the finding. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:20. As a follow-up to the October 14 meeting, Mitch Rothstein, after consultation with Hugh Ruppensburg on October 19, proposed the following interpretation of the grade appeals procedures. This interpretation was approved via email by a majority of Steering Committee members present at the October 14 meeting.

1. Article V, college-level action, paragraph 1, allows the instructor to appeal to the Academic Standards Committee.
2. Paragraph 2 indicates that the Academic Standards Committee may remand the case to the department for reconsideration.
3. The sentence, "If, upon review, the departmental appeals committee reaffirms the denial of the student's appeal, the department head shall inform the student and the Academic Standards Committee of the decision in writing," appears only to contemplate the case that the appeal came to the Academic Standards Committee from the student. The Steering Committee interprets this sentence as applying equally to the case that the appeal came to the Academic Standards Committee from the instructor.

6. Dean Stokes' Remarks

- a. The Franklin College is currently involved in faculty recruiting. David Lee is working on the distribution of faculty positions.
- b. There were 27 new faculty hires this year (either starting in August 2005 or January 2006).
- c. The Franklin College lost 24 positions, which suggests that, with the new hires this year, the size of the faculty hasn't changed. However, the perception among the faculty in the College is that the number of faculty in the Franklin College is down. Dean Stokes is looking into the discrepancy between the actual number of faculty and the faculty's perception that numbers are down.
- d. Graduate student health insurance will come into effect in January 2006.
- e. The Franklin College budget meetings will be held in January/February and Dean Stokes will ask departments to look at their Five-year Plans, so that when they go into the budget meetings, the dean and the department heads will know what the college's priorities and needs are. So far, it is not clear how the Five-year plans will tie into allocations for instruction. One concern expressed was that the Dean's Office might not have a clear idea of the impact that budget cuts have had on lost faculty lines.
- e. The Dean's Office will obtain updated information about faculty lines lost as well as new hires from IRP.
- f. One third of the university faculty received special raises this year. A percentage was given for "critical merit". In general, the Franklin College did very well as far as funding for raises is concerned. Hopefully, next year Franklin will have a larger raise-pool for faculty raises.

7. Old Business:

- a. Gary Lautenschlager presented the suggestion by the Professional Concerns Committee to amend the College Bylaws so as to recognize in the College Bylaws titles such as Academic Professional as part of the definition of faculty. The current bylaws is stated in Article I, Section I of the Bylaws as follows:
"The Faculty of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences shall consist of the Dean and all Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Instructors, Lecturers, and ex officio members designated by the Statutes of the University of Georgia."

The Professional Concerns Committee researched the web site where the Board of Regents defines who faculty is. Subsequently, the Committee proposed the following modified version, which takes into account the notion that the faculty is the "corps of instruction":

"The Faculty of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences shall consist of the Dean and all Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Instructors, Lecturers, personnel with such other titles as may be approved as part of the Corps of Instruction by the Board of Regents^[1], and ex officio members designated by the Statutes of the University of Georgia. "

- b. The proposed modification was then discussed by the Senate. Comments included:
 - (i) Departments have very different definitions of "Academic Professional".
 - (ii) Academic Professionals are not always included under the list of the "corps of instruction".
 - (iii) There is a need to define who should be considered faculty.
 - (iv) Academic Professionals are appointed by the Board of Regents.
 - (v) It was suggested that each department should have the right to include Academic Professionals as members of their faculty, and that the definition of "faculty" should specify this right.
 - c. There was a motion to send this item back to the Professional Concerns Committee.
 - d. Dean Stokes said that the Franklin College could do a survey to define the responsibilities and background of Academic Professionals and can provide the Professional Concerns Committee with this information.
8. New Business:
- a. Anne Summers [Microbiology] raised the issue of parking on campus on UGA football game weekends.
 - b. There are some lots where you can't park after 5:15 on the Friday before the [Saturday] game, and some lots are monitored after 5:00 on Friday.
 - c. The question was raised as to whether or not people have been turned away from their parking lots after 6:00 on Fridays.
 - d. This item will be put on the agenda for the November 17 meeting of the Faculty Senate.
9. Call for Agenda Items for the November 17, 2005 meeting (due by November 3). Items should be sent to Sarah Blackwell (blackwel@uga.edu).
10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.

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