

**Franklin College Faculty Senate  
Minutes of meeting on Tuesday January 24, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 137 of the Tate Center, Marguerite Madden presiding.

**Members present:** Ibigbolade Aderibigbe, Mike Arnold, Maor Bar-Peled, Dana Bultman, Brandon Craswell, Chris Cuomo, Shanta, Dhar, Fred Dolezal, Time Dore, Scott Dougan, Rebecca Enghauser, Christine Franklin, Michael Geller, Williams Graham, Christine Haase, Kelly Happe, Miriam Jacobson, Jim Lauderdale, Kang Li, Nicolas Lucero, Marguerite Madden, Jan Mrazek, Marta Patino-Douce, Patricia Richards, Michael Robinson, John Rose, Mitch Rothstein, Nick Rynearson, Chris Sieving, Saral Surakul, Susan Tanner, Karim Traore, Stefaan Van Lieffering, Rheeda Walker, Lianchun Wang, Yin Xiagrong.

**Proxies:** Nik Heynen (for Joshua Barkan), João Plascak (for Kanzo Nakayama), Trina Citerski (for Richard Suplita)

**Visitors:** None

**Members not present:** Charles Hopkinson, Adam Sabra, Jake Short

**Approval of the Minutes from the November 15, 2011 meeting:** Approved without corrections.

**Remarks by presiding officer Marguerite Madden:** Professor Madden indicated she would offer her remarks as an Old Business item to follow Dean Rupperburg's remarks.

**Dean Rupperburg's Remarks**

- Summer Research Awards: The Dean and Associate Deans selected 95 recipients of Summer Research Awards from a pool of 263 applicants previously reviewed and submitted by Department Heads. The Provost was notified of the recipients and the award decisions were recently sent out to Department Heads, who will be in charge of notifying recipients and non-recipients. There will be no other publicity for these awards.
- The guidelines for the Summer School Teaching Initiative evolved from the initial objective to fund innovative courses that would normally not be offered in the summer to favor courses that would build credit hours and enrollment. 12 courses were funded.
- Although the budget is funded, a 2% reduction is likely to occur by mid-year. The Dean's Office is working to develop three budget scenarios. One with a 2% decrease, one with a 2% increase, and one in steady state. A permanent cut of 2% will come and the College is taking measures to be prepared.
- There are talks of a possible salary raise in the coming year. No salary raises in 2012.
- Support from the Provost regarding faculty retention funds is waning as these funds run out.
- The Dean praised the Faculty Senate Resolution on Undocumented Students as well written and thoughtful and indicated that it was adopted by the University Council and sent to the Board of Regents and might have reached members of the Legislature.

- The College is moving along with the Strategic Planning document prepared last semester outlining points of continuity and points of development, relevant to the upcoming capital campaign.
- This year's winners of various Franklin College Faculty Awards have recently been selected. Dean Ruppensburg congratulated the winners and indicated that the official announcement will be made shortly.

### **Old Business**

- President Madden summarized the developments at the University Council Meeting of December 1<sup>st</sup>, where the Franklin College Faculty Senate Resolution on Undocumented Students was presented as an Information Item. ([Minutes of the December 1 University Council meeting](#))
- President Madden indicated that during the meeting, after the faculty petition asking the University Council to support opposition to the Board of Regents ban on undocumented students was tabled and removed from consideration, a motion was made to place the FC resolution as an agenda item for the meeting. The motion passed and, further motions placed the resolution for discussion and vote by the Council. After discussion, motions and votes, the entire text of the Franklin College Faculty Senate Resolution on Undocumented Students passed as a University Council resolution, with one friendly amendments: to replace "Franklin College Faculty Senate" in the text with "University Council".
- President Madden pointed out that on the date (January 24) the Higher Education Committee of the Georgia State Legislature was holding a hearing on undocumented students.

### **New Business**

No new business was discussed

### **Committee Reports**

- Academic Standards Committee: No new business reported.
- Curriculum Committee: The committee reported approval of 21 new courses, 38 course changes and 6 proposals.
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Faculty Affairs: A revision on the Promotion and Tenure Guidelines in Cellular Biology is under consideration. The Committee requested more information.
- Planning and Evaluation: Meeting to review Strategic Planning documents to be held at the Music Classroom Building, Room 434, 10 AM on Friday January 27.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marta Patiño Douce,  
Senate Secretary and Senator from Geology

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT  
JANUARY 2012**

| <b>Curriculum Description</b>  | <b>Approved</b>   |
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| <b>New Courses Reviewed</b>  | 21 new courses    |
| <b>Course Changes</b>  | 38 course changes |
| <p><b>Proposals Approved:</b></p> <p><b>ECOL 1000 to meet Franklin College Biological Sciences Requirement</b></p> <p><b>Women's Studies Major Changes</b></p> <p><b>Film Studies Major Changes</b></p> <p><b>Theatre A.B. Changes</b></p> <p><b>Asian Language Minor Changes</b></p> <p><b>Chinese &amp; Japanese Major Changes</b></p> |                   |