

**Franklin College Faculty Senate  
Meetings of the meeting of Tuesday, Aug 25, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 in room 250 of the Miller Learning Center, Eric Stabb presiding.

**Members present:** Yury Balashov, Maor Bar-Peled, Tim Dore, Charles Doyle, Kelly Dyer, Mario Erasmo, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Michael Geller, Adam Goodie, William Graham, Christine Haase, Nik Heynen, Philip Holmes, Edward Kiperos, Jim Lauderdale, John Lynch, Marguerite Madden, Kanzo Nakayama, Ron Orlando, Michael Robinson, John Rose, Paul Schliekeman, Paul Schroeder, Jake Short, Chris Sieving, Eric Stabb, Roger Stahl, Susan Tanner, Stefaan Van Liefferinge, Lianchun Wang, Shuzhou Wang, Aidan Wasley, Mark Weeler

**Proxies:** Kenneth Honerkamp for Wayne Coppins, William McCormick for Gauri Datta, Adrian Burd for Charles Hopkinson, Maria Hybinette for Kang Li, Jared Klein for Diana Ranson, David Smilde for Patricia Richards

**Visitors:** Tim Burgess, Senior VP for Finance and Administration, Ryan Nesbit, Sr. VP for Finance and Administration, Holley Schramski, Associate VP and Controller, Bob McGee, Associate Controller, Meg Amstutz, President's Office, Chris Miller, Provost's office, Tom Gausvik, Human Resources, Chad Cleveland, Accounting, Jayne Smith, Faculty Affairs, Jared Klein, Linguistics, Derrick Alridge, Director of the Institute for African American Studies, Christine Miller, Assistant Dean and Director of the Office of Information Technology

**Members not present:** Christopher Hocking, Betina Kaplan, Adam Sabra, Karim Traore

**Election of Secretary for the Faculty Senate:** Eric Stabb nominated Susan Tanner, Department of Anthropology, as Secretary for the Faculty Senate. As there were no other appointees, appointment carried unanimously.

**Approval of April 21, 2009 Minutes:** Eric Stabb moved, Mario Erasmo seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Presiding officer Eric Stabb's remarks:**

Dr. Stabb welcomed the new and returning members and then provided an introduction to the Franklin College Faculty Senate including operating procedures, meeting times, committee organization, attendance policy, and activities of the previous year. Dr. Stabb informed the senate that the Committee on Faculty Affairs will be involved in the 5 year review of Dean Stokes this semester.

**Dean Stokes' Remarks:**

The Dean welcomed new and returning senators and expressed enthusiasm for the start of a new academic year. She discussed her role in the faculty senate and noted that the Faculty

Reception Banquet was a successful event honoring the achievements of many Franklin College Faculty.

The faculty discussed concerns about the policies regarding courses with low student enrollment and progress on attempts to change retirement benefits from TIAA-CREF to the State Retirement system.

**Tim Burgess, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, invited speaker for discussion of Furlough Policy:**

Tim Burgess discussed the current budget crisis facing the University of Georgia and outlined constrictions in the UGA operating budget over the previous 14 months. This has resulted in a series of cuts, with the most recent mandatory furlough days for all university employees. Tim Burgess discussed that the University of Georgia is following the Board of Regents policy (available on their website) on the implementation of furlough days.

The faculty discussed concerns including how the administration envisions increasing investment in the University after the budget crisis passes and the possibility of balancing furlough days evenly between research and teaching obligations. In addition, the faculty discussed concerns regarding furlough days for employees paid through federal funds including the logistics of accounting for federal grants and fellowships. Finally, the faculty discussed policies of the Board of Regents including the decision to change Graduate Student Health Insurance coverage.

**Christine Miller, invited speaker**

Christine Miller tabled her presentation on Franklin College Information Technology Reorganization for the following Faculty Senate meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Approval of 2009-2001 Faculty Senate Committees  
Ron Orlando moved. Unanimously approved.

2. Institute of Linguistics Proposal  
Moved to table

3. New Minor in African America Studies  
Dr. Alridge discussed the great demand of a minor in African American Studies from students. The Curriculum Committee had discussed this petition and voted to approve it. The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve the petition.

4. Termination of Certificate in Eastern European Studies  
The Curriculum Committee had discussed this petition and voted to approve it. The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve the petition.

5. Discussion of Furlough Policy

The faculty discussed actions that the faculty senate could take regarding the furlough policy and determined the Faculty Affairs Committee should report at the next meeting with a set of options for action. Faculty should contact Ray Freeman-Lynde with ideas.

Eric Stabb offered the following motion, which was seconded by Ron Orlando and unanimously approved.

“The Faculty Affairs committee will report to the next meeting a set of options for what the Faculty Senate can do regarding the furlough policy.”

**Committee Reports:**

Curriculum committee report (below)

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tanner, Secretary and Senator from Anthropology

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**  
**August 25, 2009**

Curriculum Description	Approved
New Courses Reviewed & Approved	12 new courses
Course Changes	28 course changes
<p><b>Proposals Approved:</b></p> <p>(AFST) DRAM 4470 to be taught as an IDL courses            HIST 2052, 3050 &amp; 3220 to be taught as IDL courses            Geography B.S. Bulletin Changes            LACSI Major changes            Economics Area of Emphasis in Public Policy            New THEA and FILM Prefixes to replace DRAM Prefixes (Theatre &amp; Film Studies)            Termination of Eastern Central European Certificate            New Minor in African American Studies            Approval for the Institute of Linguistics</p>	