

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 214 of the Miller Learning Center, Shelby Funk presiding.

Members Present: Christine Albright, Analisa Arroyo, Maor Bar-Peled, Mary Bedell, Josh Bynum, Renato Castelao, Trina Cyterski, Shanta Dhar, Inge DiBella, Fred Dolezal, Christopher Eaket, Shelby Funk, Lisa Fusillo, Kim Gilbert, Adam Goodie, Uwe Happek, Chad Howe, Jim Lauderdale, Derrick Lemons, Reid Messich, Nicholas Morrissey, Lan Mu, Dan Nakano, Virginia Nazarea, Robert Phillips, Michael Roden, Daniel Rood, Chloe Wigston Smith, Inseok Song, T.N. Sriram, Karim Traore, Zachary Wood, Sarah Wright, and Angela Yao.

Proxies: Steven Gross-Vogel (proxy for Richard Gordon), Elizabeth Ottesen (proxy for Diana Downs)

Members not present: Budak Arpinar, Husseina Dinani, Diana Downs, Richard Gordon, Natarajan Kannan, Patricia Richards, Mitch Rothstein, Jon Swindler

Approval of the minutes of the 26 August 2014 meeting: Approved unanimously without corrections.

Associate Dean Kecia Thomas' Remarks (for Dean Dorsey)

- Associate Dean Thomas indicated that Dean Dorsey was unable to attend the meeting because he was travelling with the Provost. She also indicated that Associate Dean Ruppensburg was travelling.
- The groundbreaking for the Baldwin Hall Annex will take place on December 2, 2014 at 4:00. This event will be especially important for the Departments of Anthropology and Sociology.
- The Franklin College has forwarded 11 proposals for the presidential hiring initiative.
- Recruitment is ongoing for the positions of Director of Information Technology and Director of Student Academic Services.
- Debbie Goswick's retirement was announced.
- In response to a question from one senator about the new model for faculty travel funding, Associate Dean Thomas said that the new model provides less money to some departments but more money to other departments for travel. From the Dean's perspective, since there essentially has been no such travel funding until now, all departments are moving from receiving no money to receiving some money. The Dean is looking for feedback from departments about the new model. In response to a related question from another senator, Associate Dean Thomas said that the Dean would like to hear about other possible models for travel funding.
- Associate Dean Thomas thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak to the Senate.

President Shelby Funk's Remarks

President Funk announced that the issue of travel funding is on the agenda for the next meeting of the Senate. Keith Campbell from the Department of Psychology will be visiting at

that meeting. President Funk asked the senators to ask their Department Heads or other departmental representatives to come to the next meeting if this is an important issue for their colleagues. She invited senators to contact her or Jon Swindler to invite visitors to the meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Standards Committee: Received 5 petitions, approved 3, still considering 2.
- Curriculum Committee: Approved 1 new course, approved 3 course changes, and approved 8 bulletin changes.
- Executive Committee: No new business reported.
- Committee on Faculty Affairs: No new business reported.
- Committee on Planning & Evaluation: No new business reported. This committee is currently working on its report.

New Business:

- Proposal for the termination of the MAT degree in Romance Languages.

The proposal was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- No old business was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3.45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Albright
Franklin College Senate Secretary and Senator for Classics