

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences
February 19, 2004
Approved on March 16, 2004

1. Call to Order:

Presiding officer Nancy Felson [Classics] called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM in Room 150 of the Student Learning Center.

2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:

Proxies: John Brewer [Biochemistry], Kirin Asen [Art], Kevin Deluca [Speech Communication], Mito Andaya [Music], Sidney Kushner [Genetics], Paul Rowan [Sociology], Linda Grant [Sociology]

Absences: Antje Ascheid [Drama], Rebecca Engauser [Dance], Luis Correa-Diaz [Romance Language], K.K. Mon [Physics/Astronomy], Amy Ross [Geography]

Visitors: Representative [Red & Black], Kelly Simmons [Atlanta Journal Constitution], Ross Markman [Banner-Herald], David Williams [Religion], John Morrow [History],

Total: 45 Present, 5 Absent.

3. Old Business:

- a. Action Item 1: Motion to hold a Franklin College faculty-wide vote of confidence/no confidence in the leadership of President Michael Adams.
The question would be: "Do you have confidence in President Adams as the leader of UGA?" Yes/No/abstain

After extensive discussion, the motion passed 27-7-1. The vote would be sent out on February 20th to all faculty, using the same web-based voting system as in our previous poll.

Of those supporting it, many felt that we, as senators, should take the opinion voice by the faculty in response to our first poll as a mandate; opponents argued that we, as faculty representatives, might be aware of issues of which the faculty at large are ignorant, and that we should take into account the possible negative impact on the well being of the College of taking such a vote. Some senators questioned whether a confidence vote would serve any useful purpose and feared that it could further alienate the upper administration. Others countered that the distance between the faculty and upper administration was already a serious problem and that we could not in any case foresee the future. Ultimately, many senators felt that the President of the University should, like all employees, be reviewed and given critical feedback.

- b. Action Item 2: Draft of the statement on the leadership of President Adams.

The Senate had requested at our last meeting that a committee, appointed by the Committee on Committees, draw up a statement that drew on the rationale statements from the first poll of the faculty at large. Bob Rumely chaired the committee. Nancy Felson presented the statement, as drafted by a number of senators, including herself and Barry Palewitz. After extensive discussion and constructive suggestions, Marjanne Gooze [Romance Languages] made a motion, which was seconded, calling for the approval of the statement to be revised by Nancy Felson [Classics] in consultation with the drafting committee and officers and interested senators. The motion passed unanimously. The revised statement is to be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

4. New Business:

1). Action item: proposal that the Committee on Committees not release the names of members of the awards committee until after the committee has completed its work.

This proposal passed unanimously.

2). Proposed curricular changes – Curriculum Committee.

- a. Proposal to establish an Institute for Native American Studies
- b. Proposal for an undergraduate Chinese Language and Literature degree
- c. Proposal for a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
- d. Proposal for a graduate certificate in Bioinformatics

All of these proposals passed unanimously.

Due to time constraints, the remaining items on the agenda were tabled until the next Senate meeting on March 16, 2004. Additional items for discussion should be sent to the Steering Committee by March 2, 2004.

5. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM

Submitted by B. Randy Hammond, Psychology.