

**Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences  
November 17, 2005**

1. Call to Order

Presiding Officer Mitch Rothstein [Mathematics] called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm in Room 150 of the Student Learning Center.
2. Identification of Proxies and Visitors:
  - a. Proxies: Sarah Blackwell [Romance Languages] for Stacey Casado, Jim Coverdill [Sociology] for Tom McNulty, Steve Dancz [Music] for Mitos Andaya, Jacek Gaertig [Cellular Biology] for Haini Cai.
  - b. Absences: Gert-Jan Boons [Chemistry], Liming Cai [Computer Science], Lisa Fusillo [Dance], Elham Izadi [Mathematics], Kasia Jerzak [Comparative Literature], Alexei Kojevnikov [History], Barry Palevitz [Plant Biology], Adam Parkes [English], Mike Roden [Geology], Lijiang Shen [Speech Communication], John Wares [Genetics], Jim Wright [Geology].
  - c. Visitors: Allen Amason [Business], Paul Duncan [CLACS], Laura Shedenhelm [Library], Danée Attebury [Red & Black].
  - d. Total: 30 senators present, 12 absent.
3. The minutes from October, 2005 were approved with one correction.
4. Comments by the Presiding Officer, Mitch Rothstein:
  - a. The meeting with Dr. Mace will be rescheduled for Spring Semester.
  - b. The grade appeal policy as stated in the Franklin College Bylaws needs to be addressed. The current policy states that students must appeal a grade within 30 days; however this contradicts the University policy which states that students must appeal a grade within one year of receiving the grade. Legal Affairs expressed concern about this contradiction. Therefore, we need to resolve this issue by revising the language in the Franklin bylaws.
5. Associate Dean Hugh Ruppensburg's Remarks:
  - a. Dean Ruppensburg addressed the Faculty Senate in place of Dean Stokes, who was traveling to Africa.
  - b. Dr. Ruppensburg expressed concern about the need to resolve the grade appeal policy issue of the deadline for students to appeal a grade. The grade appeal procedure needs to work at each stage, from the department to the college. Due to the complexity of the grade appeal procedure, grade appeal decisions run the risk of being overturned on a technical basis and not on an academic one.
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Committee on Committees: no report

- b. Academic Standards: no report.
- c. Admissions: no report.
- d. Curriculum: The Curriculum Committee voted to approve the following three items by email:
  - (i) to add MATH 2250 as an alternative to MATH 2200-2200L under preferred courses in Area D or general electives for the Cellular Biology major.
  - (ii) to change the required courses and major electives for the French major.
  - (iii) to add SPCM 3320: Environmental Communication as a course approved for the Environmental Literacy requirement.
- e. Planning: no report.
- f. Professional Concerns: no report.
- g. Steering Committee: no report.

7. Old Business:

- a. Parking on football game days: The parking situation during home football game weekends has been resolved. No one will be ticketed until after 6:00 am on football game days. Parking Services could, in the future, emphasize alternative parking options for faculty on football game days. The Director of Parking Services, Doug Ross, assured Anne Summers [Microbiology] that he wants to hear directly from anyone who is/was ticketed, towed, or prevented from parking on campus before 6:00 am on any [football game] Saturday. The Faculty Senate should serve as an advocacy group to resolve any parking problems that may arise on future football game days.

8. New Business:

- a. Grade appeal policy: The Franklin College grade appeal policy, as stated in the bylaws, requires students to initiate a grade appeal within 30 days of receiving the grade, but the University policy allows students up to one year to initiate a grade appeal. This policy discrepancy could create several problems. For instance, a student from another college might decide to appeal a grade received in a Franklin College course following the University's one-year rule for initiating a grade appeal. As a temporary solution, Mitch Rothstein suggested adding a bracketed statement to the Franklin bylaws so as to make clear that the one-year rule is in effect. The bylaws could then be revised at a later date. Mitch Rothstein moved to add a bracketed statement to the bylaws, and this was seconded. This statement would later be submitted to the Steering Committee for a vote.
- b. The new major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) was presented by Brent Berlin [Anthropology], along with several arguments in favor of establishing this major. It was noted that a grant of \$154,000 was received from the Department of Education for the establishment of the major, and that there are 47 core and affiliated faculty members. The LACS major has the support of the Dean, and there is a possibility of establishing a dual degree major between LACS and other fields in the future. Additionally, the LACS major supports the teaching priorities of the College.

One concern expressed during the discussion was how course staffing needs would be met, since the LACS faculty come from different departments and would not be required to teach, nor would they be budgeted for LACS courses. However, since most of the LACS courses are cross-listed, this should not be a problem.

There was a motion to approve the proposals for the new LACS major and for the establishment of a Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute. These proposals were passed by the Senate by a unanimous vote.

- c. The proposal for an Interdisciplinary Certificate in Music Business was discussed. Students must complete 21 hours of course work to receive the certificate. There was a motion to approve this proposal, and it was passed by the Senate by a unanimous vote.
  - d. Some concern was expressed as to why Dr. Mace did not come to the November 17 meeting as previously scheduled. The senators were assured that Dr. Mace would be invited to another Faculty Senate meeting later this year.
9. Call for Agenda Items for the January 19, 2006 meeting (due by January 5). Items should be sent to Sarah Blackwell (blackwel@uga.edu).
  10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Blackwell, Romance Languages