Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2013
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Lee Hall Auditorium
Dr. Narayan Persaud, Presiding

**Officers (Present)**

Dr. Narayan Persaud, President
Dr. Dreamal Worthen
Dr. Joe Ann Houston
Dr. James Muchovej

**Senators (Present)**

Dr. Mary Diallo
Mrs. Marcia Duncan
Ms. Edith Carnley
Dr. David Jackson
Dr. Huberta Jackson-Lowman
Dr. Merlin Langley
Dr. Deidre Evans
Dr. Desmond Stephens
Dr. Lavetta Henderson
Dr. Rufus Ellis
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport
Dr. Lambert Kanga
Dr. Violetka Colova
Dr. Ann Marie Cavazos
Dr. Nise Nekheba
Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Perry Brown
Dr. Angela Thornton
Ms. Raquista Claitt
Dr. Carl Moore
Dr. Primus Mtenga
Prof. Kandy Woods
Dr. Aurelia Alexander
Dr. Ronald B. Lumpkin
Dr. Chao Li
Dr. Roscoe Hightower
Dr. Aretha Hill
Prof. Andrew Skerritt
Dr. Bettye Grable
Dr. Sevilla Bronson
Dr. Elijah Johnson

**Senators (Absent)**

Dr. Kyle Eidahl
Dr. Gervin Robertson
Mr. Sylvester Peck Sr.
Dr. Olivier Chamel
Dr. Hudson Nwakanma
Dr. DeEdgra Williams
Dr. Uloma Onubogu
Dr. Marcia Owens
Dr. Na’Imah Ford
Dr. Jermaine Robertson
Dr. Lewis Johnson
Dr. Lekan Latinwo
Dr. Ngozi Ugochukwu

**Library(Present)**

Ms. Jeneice W. Smith
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes

**Ex-Officio (Voting) (Absent)**

Dr. Donald Palm
Dr. Ruth Swan

**SGA (Voting) (Absent)**

Mr. Evan Bailey

**Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) (Present)**

Dr. Larry Robinson
Mr. Rodner Wright
Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud
The meeting was opened at 3:15 by Senate President, Senator Narayan Persaud. He announced the 2013 Homecoming and Reclamation of the Past.

It was motioned and seconded the agenda be adopted. The motion passed. It was then motioned and seconded the September minutes be approved. The motion carried.

President/Senator Persaud introduced the Interim-Provost, Rodner Wright, who gave the following highlights:

1. The re-institution of reporting of mid-term grades now via Blackboard. He announced these grades must be done by October 25.
2. International Education Week. Currently, the search for the Vice President of International Education is in progress.

Following this information, the House was opened for questions from Senators.

- Senator Grable wanted to know how the University funds over-loads. Mr. Wright explained.
- Senator Diallo, who is the Faculty Advisor for Golden Key International Honor Society, explained that the FAMU Chapter has been suspended for a year because she and the co-advisor have refused to sign the letter of sponsorship. She shared a letter from Vice President Hudson and comments from the President. Mr. Wright promised to look at the document and to see if there is a way to alter the language.
- Senator Holder inquired whether FAMU is experiencing financial problems or the problems related to budget dealing with state funding. Mr. Wright indicated he could not provide an answer; however, there was nothing catastrophic as far as he knew. He does manage the budget within Academic Affairs
- Senator Persaud asked if there is a policy that defines what constitutes an overload. Mr. Wright discussed the start dates of overloads.
- Senator Holder wanted to know if there is a management system for overloads. He also asked about the SACS visit. Mr. Wright responded it was a rigorous review. The final report will be released at the December SACS Meeting.

It was announced that President/Senator Persaud will be meeting with the Interim-Provost once a month to resolve some of these faculty issues.

NEW BUSINESS
Senator/Vice President H. Dreamel Worthen then held the election of committee members. It was motioned and seconded that people currently serving on committees will continue to serve, and only vacancies will be filled. The motion carried.

- It was motioned and seconded to Senator Sevilla Bronson (Nursing) be added to the Steering Committee. The motion carried.
- It was motioned and seconded to add the following senators to the Committee on Committees: Senator Uloma Onubogu (Nursing); Senator Merlin Langley (Social
Sciences, Arts and Humanities); Senator Deidre Evans (Science and Technology); Senator Lavetta Henderson (Education); and Senator Ebenezer Oriaku (Pharmacy). The motion passed.

Senator/Vice President Worthen said the list will be cleaned up and emailed.

President/Senator Persaud presented Interim-President, Larry Robinson, who gave the following highlights/information.

1. Student Loans – President Robinson discussed the satisfactory academic progress (SAP) needed for students to continue to receive financial aid. He noted the University must bring in students who have the ability to reasonably succeed.
2. He discussed the 10-point matrix used by the Board of Governors.

President Robinson then answered questions from the Senators.

- Senator Davenport asked about faculty raises. She noted that if the University can plan for other things, it should plan for raises. Dr. Robinson responded that leading with faculty raises won’t go anywhere. He said FAMU does have a plan to generate funds for faculty raises.
- Senator Lowman-Jackson also spoke on faculty raises. He talked about the racism perpetuated by the State and how FAMU is being penalized for the history of this institution.
- Senator Worthen mentioned that the University of Florida had received a $1M Center. She said FAMU needs better lobbying.

It was motion, seconded that the Senate accept the 4 policies on Academic Honesty as proposed by the Board of Trustee. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senator Oriaku made an announcement.
- It was announced that revisions to the Handbook and Constitution will be finalized and sent out.

It was moved the Senate be adjourned. The motion passed without opposition. We adjourned at 4:55.

Submitted,

Joe A. Houston