

Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Tuesday, December 8, 2014
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Lee Hall Auditorium
Dr. Bettye A. Grable, Presiding

Officers (Present)

Dr. Bettye Grable, President
Dr. Joe Ann Houston, Secretary
Dr. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian

Senators (Present)

Dr. William Guzman
Dr. Kyle Eidahl
Dr. David Jackson
Dr. Huberta Jackson-Lowman
Dr. Jermaine Robertson
Dr. Paulette Reneau
Dr. Lekan Latinwo
Dr. Jesse Edwards
Dr. Rufus Ellis
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport
Dr. Raymond Hix
Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Perry Brown
Dr. Angela Thornton
Dr. Primus Mtenga
Dr. Dawn Brown-Cross
Dr. Aurelia Alexander
Dr. Aretha Hill
Dr. Robert Richardson
Dr. David Guthrie
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes
Mrs. Faye Watkins

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Violetka Tsoleva
Dr. Ann Marie Cavazos
Dr. Nise Nekheba
Dr. Roscoe Hightower

Senators (Absent)

Mrs. Marci Duncan

The meeting was opened by President/Senator Grable at 3:14 p.m. Because a quorum was not present, President/Senator Grable began with a report of the last BOT meeting. She then began a discussion of issues facing the University.

Dr. Na’Imah Ford
Dr. Merlin Langley
Dr. James Strohaber
Dr. Desmond Stephens
Dr. Lavetta Henderson
Dr. Keawin Sarjeant
Dr. Margaret Gitau
Prof. Joseph Grant
Dr. John Cooperwood
Mr. Sylvester Peck
Ms. Raquista Claitt
Dr. Carl Moore
Dr. Ronald Lumpkin
Dr. Chao Li
Dr. Olivier Chamel
Dr. Clyde Ashley
Dr. Sevilla Bronson
Dr. Marcia Owens
Dr. Elijah Johnson
Ms. Jeneice Smith
Dr. Donald Palm

SGA (Voting) (Absent)

Mr. Ronnie Mackey, II

1. Engineering School – President/Senator Grable gave remarks about a meeting she'd attended last year about the Engineering School.
 - Senator Mtgena discussed the Draft Report from the consultant who reviewed the crisis at the Engineering School.
 - Senator Guzman also spoke about hiring practices at the Engineering School and grant funding opportunities.
2. Faculty Salaries – It was suggested the administration come in to discuss the process with the Faculty Senate.

Because both the University President and the Provost were attending the annual SACS meeting, there were no reports, up-dates or remarks from the administration.

3. Faculty Senate Travel Grants – President/Senator Grable stated she'd received an email from Senator Hightower while he was attending an international conference. The issue he raised was about the kind of grant he'd received. At the Steering Committee Meeting, Associate Vice President Palm clarified the difference. There currently exists two travel grants: Faculty Travel Grant and a Faculty Senate Travel Grant. The Steering Committee will review the criteria.
 - Dr. Palm will be on the January agenda to discuss this item. It was noted that Senator Kyle Eidahl is a member of this committee.
 - Senator Davenport gave historical information about how the money for the Faculty Senate Travel grant had been transferred to Academic Affairs.
 - Senator Holder stated there had originally been a \$21,000 allocation for this grant.
 - Senator Latinwo discussed the limit on how often a faculty member can and should be allowed to apply for and receive the travel grant.

President/Senator Grable then asked for announcements; there were none.

4. Hiring Process – President/Senator Grable indicated there were concerns about how the hiring process is not being followed. She specifically discussed the provost search. The Steering Committee wanted to write a letter to the president expressing concerns.
 - Senator Eidahl talked about how information has set on the provost's desk.
 - Dr. Neil James briefly discussed the use of search firms.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Neil James gave a report from the Curriculum Committee. A lengthy discussion followed about what constitutes a "college credit."

Because of the extreme cold in the Lee Hall Auditorium, it was motioned and agreed the meeting close. The meeting closed.

Joe A. Houston, Recorder