Minutes of the Faculty Senate  
Tuesday, February 17, 2015  
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. Huberta Jackson-Lowman  
Dr. Merlin Langley  
Dr. Paulette Renaeu  
Dr. James Strohaber  
Dr. Lekan Latinwo  
Dr. Jesse Edwards  
Dr. Lavetta Henderson  
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport  
Dr. Raymond Hix  
Dr. Violetka Tsolova  
Dr. Margaret Gitau  
Dr. John Cooperwood  
Dr. Maurice Holder  
Dr. Perry Brown  
Dr. Angela Thornton  
Dr. Carl Moore  
Dr. Primus Mtenga  
Dr. Dawn Brown-Cross  
Dr. Aurelia Alexander  
Dr. Clyde Ashley  
Dr. Roscoe Hightower  
Dr. David Guthrie  
Dr. Elijah Johnson  
Dr. Richard Gragg  
Ms. Jeneice Smith  
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes

**Senators (Absent)**  
Mrs. Marci Duncan  
Dr. David Jackson  
Dr. Na’Imah Ford  
Dr. Jermaine Robertson  
Dr. Kcawin Sarjeant  
Mr. Sylvester Peck  
Ms. Raquista Claitt  
Dr. Ronald Lumpkin  
Dr. Chao Li  
Dr. Olivier Chamel  
Dr. Aretha Hill  
Dr. Robert Richardson  
Dr. Sevilla Bronson

**EX-Officio (Voting) (Present)**  
Dr. Donald Palm  
Mrs. Faye Watkins

**SGA (Voting) (Absent)**  
Mr. Ronnie Mackey, II

**Senators (Excused)**  
Dr. Desmond Stephens  
Dr. Rufus Ellis  
Dr. Ann Marie Cavazos  
Dr. Nise Nekheba  
Dr. Joseph Grant  
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
The meeting was opened at 3:05 by President/Senator Grable. She announced the senators from the Law School were delayed because of a traffic jam and would not be attending. President/Senator Grable then provided opening remarks and announcements.

- She announced the Steering Committee requested Dr. Palm return and discuss the awarding of the “D” grade. He will also address the plus/minus grade that was approved by the Senate.
- President/Senator Grable announced she would have to leave for a closed session of the BOT about litigation.
- She reported she’d made a decision to move the Faculty Senate Office to Lee Hall following an invitation by the President. The office should be moved within two weeks. This move will bring the Faculty Senate into close proximity to the president and provost.
- The March 17 meeting will be the election of officers. She urged all senators to be present.
- On January 20, 2015, the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates met. President/Senator Grable provided a copy of a resolution passed by this body opposing concealed weapons or firearms on state university campuses or facilities. The BOG and police offices on university campuses all support this resolution. President/Senator Grable will bring this issue to the Steering Committee, so we can draft a resolution if desired.
- Finally, she discussed offering services to veterans.

At 3:15, the parliamentarian announced a quorum was present.

Announcements
President/Senator Gable then asked for announcements from senators. The following announcements were made.

1. Senator Jackson-Lowman announced the Annual Imhotep Research Conference. She asked senators to encourage students to submit papers.
2. Senator Gragg announced the School of Environmental Science is sponsoring a summit on March 26 – March 28. For additional information, senators were asked to contact him.
3. Senator Holder announced his concern about people being granted tenure upon appointment. He pointed out tenure and promotion are moving from the control of the faculty.
4. Senator Jackson-Lowman then read a personal statement about the Florida State Department of Education’s standards.
5. Senator Ashley announced that Cheryl Harris, Senior Vice President at Allstate will be the guest speaker at the SBI forum on Thursday, February 19 at 12:30. He invited senators to come.

It was motioned and seconded the January 20 minutes be approved. There was an omission: Dr. Gragg’s name should be listed as a senator. There were no other corrections. The minutes were approved.

It was then moved and seconded the agenda be adopted. The motion passed.

Continuing Business
Mr. Michael James discussed the proposed Email Policy. He told the Senate this policy will not be advanced to the BOT without the approval of the Senate. Mr. James then answered questions. There was a plethora of questions, and a lengthy discussion followed. When no consensus could be reached, President/Senator Grable suggested the policy be returned to the committee. Senator Latinwo suggested we get volunteers to work with Mr. James to resolve all concerns. Senators Perry Brown, Clyde Ashley, David Guthrie, Elizabeth Davenport and Merlin Langley volunteered.

Dr. Neil James gave the report of the Curriculum Committee. His report was divided into three parts: course change requests; minors and general education. It was motioned and seconded that each section of this report be approved. Each motion carried. The reports were accepted.
There was a request that summer employment be an item on the next meeting’s agenda.

The Senate adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Joe A. Houston
Recorder