

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M., LEE HALL AUDITORIUM
PRESIDING, DR. MAURICE HOLDER, FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

Officers (Present)

Dr. Maurice Holder, President
Dr. Gwendolyn Singleton, Vice President
Dr. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian

Senators (Present)

Dr. Charles Magee	Dr. Cynthia Davis
Dr. Gokhan Hacisalihoglu	Dr. Edward Jones
Dr. Lekan Latinwo	Dr. Mary Diallo
Dr. Primus Mtenga	Dr. Kandy Woods
Dr. Desmond Stephens	Dr. Arthur Washington
Dr. Narayan Persaud	Dr. Kinfe Redda
Dr. Marian Smith	Mrs. Almeta Washington
Dr. Lambert Kanga	Dr. Velma Roberts
Dr. Dreamal Worthen	Dr. Tshaka Randall
Professor Beth Lewis	Dr. Phyllis Smith
Dr. Marcia Owens	Dr. Angela Murphy
Dr. Roscoe Hightower	Dr. Michael Abrams
Dr. Janelle Baker	Dr. Angela Thornton
Dr. Alice Rozier	Dr. Hudson Nwakanma
Dr. Carl Moore	Dr. Deidre Powell
Dr. Ernestine Holmes	Dr. Elizabeth Davenport

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Frances Stallworth
Dr. Lawrence Carter
Dr. Janet Marshall
Dr. Ebernezer Oriaku
Prof. Thomas Pugh
Dr. Janelle Baker
Dr. Rufus Ellis
Dr. Ashvini Chauhan

Ex-Officio (Voting) (Present)

Dr. Ronald Gaines
Dr. Donald Palm
Dr. Uche Ohia

Ex-Officio (Voting) (Excused)

Dr. Lauren Sapp

Call to Order

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 3:15 by Dr. Maurice Holder. Dr. Holder welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that the agenda is in the folders in the back. He stated that he would begin with his opening remarks and continue with the agenda going through items which will not need a vote until we have a quorum.

Opening Remarks

Dr. Maurice Holder

In his opening remarks, Dr. Holder made the following comments:

1. Dr. Holder stated that he met with President Ammons briefly. The conversation centered around having a continuous exchange of information between administration and all units and having representation on all committees recently established. The executive, directors and leadership committees do not have faculty representation. The committees are to prepare reports to be presented to the faculty.
2. The President's visibility on campus was addressed. The sharing is not the same as last year. There are fewer forums.
3. We are still in a mode of trying to keep afloat. There may be another cut coming from the Governor's office. The President will try not to fire anyone; however we should be prepared for more changes.
4. In the news, it was said that Mississippi is trying to combine HBUC's - Jackson State and Alcorn, for example. We will follow this to see the outcome and possible ramifications for other schools.
5. This morning a representative on the Board of Governors announced that FSU had to let some tenured faculty members go. The union is actively involved with getting those individuals reinstated. There is going to be a meeting with AACU on the importance of keeping tenured faculty. The flyer with this announcement will be circulated electronically.
6. The senate is slowly but surely coming back on campus. The time used for the faculty senate meetings will be recognized on the assignment of responsibility for faculty member.

This concluded the remarks from President Holder. The Parliamentarian was asked if a quorum had been reached. As we did not have a quorum, Dr. Holder continued with the items on the agenda under continuing business which will not require a vote. Attorney Linda Barge-Myles was asked to come forward to present item five on the agenda, Academic Policies/Regulations.

Attorney Linda Barge-Myles greeted the senate and stated that the committee is working on several academic policies. The policies still need some tweaking. It is anticipated that this will take about 2 months to complete. At that time the policies will be emailed to Dr. Holder.

- A workshop with the faculty will be requested. This is very serious.
- Representatives from each academic unit, the Registrar, Attorney and the Faculty Senate form the committee.
- The committee wants to have everything online and in the catalog in sync.

There were no questions for Attorney Barge-Miles. Dr. Holder questioned the Parliamentarian as to whether or not a quorum had been reached. The response was that 2 more senators were needed for a quorum.

Dr. Holder continued the meeting by remarking that evaluations of the Administration have not been done for three years. He stated that Dr. James Muchovej had been asked to chair a subcommittee to looking into the process. Dr. Muchovej was called forward to present remarks concerning the evaluation of administrators. Dr. James Muchovej, Dr. Renee Reams and Dr. Elizabeth Davenport are the committee members.

Dr. Muchovej stated that the committee was charged with creating evaluations for the President, Vice-Presidents, Provost and the Deans. He said that the last one was somewhat controversy. These results will be transparent. The goal of the committee is to have this done by the New Year and administered in the middle of the spring term.

- Dr. Holder asked Dr. Muchovej if he could be sure that the members of the union were asked to give input. The response was that Dr. Davenport (FAMU-UFF President) is a member of the committee and will be giving input on behalf of the union.
- Dr. Latinwo asked what will we do with the results. The reply was that in the past, the results have been placed in the Library. They will be shared with the administration. Making the results available to the press was not discussed.
- Dr. Latinwo was asked to repeat his question for clarification. It was stated that this is to be a learning experience for the person being evaluated.
- Dr. Abrams was concerned about the results being transparent to the faculty, administration and the public at large. He stated that the results should be disclosed to the public.
- One faculty member stated disagreement. He said that if we published the administrator's evaluations we would also have to publish faculty evaluations as well.
- Dr. Holder suggested that the committee come back and tell us what will be done concerning publishing the results of the administrator's evaluations. He also said that the President and the Provost were in agreement on having this done this semester.

There were no further questions or comments for Dr. Muchovej. Dr. Holder thanked Dr. Muchovej for his report. After the Parliamentarian announced that we had reached a quorum, Dr. Holder stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the November 17th agenda. It was motioned and seconded that the agenda be approved. The motion passed. The agenda was approved.

Next, Dr. Holder asked for the approval of the minutes of the October 20, 2009 faculty senate meeting. It was motioned and seconded that the minutes be approved. The call for questions was given. There were no questions. After the vote, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Latinwo had a follow-up comment on the minutes. He stated that on page 7, under Committee on Committees, Dr Eric Kalu is no longer the representative from Engineering. This is to be changed to Dr. Latinwo. The correction is so noted in the minutes.

Continuing Business

A. Curriculum Committee

Dr. Maurice Edington

Dr. Maurice Edington was asked to make the presentation from the Curriculum committee. Dr. Edington stated that there are three items pertaining to the curriculum committee.

1. He is soliciting feedback on the Guidelines and Procedures. This was tabled in 2008. By November 30th he will bring back a document to act on.
2. Number 2 was an issue from the last meeting about procedures. A list has been provided that states the procedures used in approving new programs. The question is should the graduate council be involved in the process of approving new programs?

Again, he is asking for guidance – should we add this to the guidelines and procedures? It was mentioned that Newt Jackson needs to be replaced as the representative to the curriculum committee.

Dr. Authur Washington approached to microphone and commented that he had done a search and found that graduate schools always operate their own committees. He recommends that we continue that way.

Dr. Edington said that the practice at FAMU is to have new programs reviewed by the curriculum committee and we have to accept this as the current policy. We can recommend that we move to a different policy, but we cannot make that change.

Dr. Holder responded that such a recommendation is to be made to the Provost.

Dr. Washington clarified that number 1, we don't have a policy, we have a practice.

Dr. Holder commented that in order to make any changes to the current practice “policy” we have to make a recommendation that we send forward to the Provost. We have to recommend that the current way we handle changes to graduate courses be changed.

This statement was so moved by Dr. Washington and seconded by Dr. Diallo. A question was raised as to what extra value does the recommendation add to the practice? The discussion on the subject continued between Dr. Arthur Washington and Dr. Hudson Nwakanma.

Dr. Holder reminded the senators that there was a motion on the floor and called for the vote. A count was conducted. The results were 7 in favor of the motion and 16 opposed. The motion failed. Dr. Holder stated that he would bring the events of this discussion to the Provost's attention and it will be looked at.

Dr. Washington said that he wanted to give a brief history of the SBI issue. He stated that 13 years ago under Dr. Humphries' and Dr. Mobley's administration he said that SBI would not be accredited.

Dr. Nwakanma made a motion to strike Dr. Washington's last comments from the records. It was so moved and seconded. During the discussion, Dr. Abrams stated that he had never heard of this before. Dr. Holder called for the question. A count was conducted for the vote. The results were 7 in favor of the motion and 8 opposed. It is assumed that all others were abstaining. The motion to strike Dr. Washington's comments from the records failed. Dr. Washington's comments will be reflected in the faculty senate minutes.

Dr. Holder stated that in the essence of time, we needed to move on.

3. Dr. Edington stated that item 3 pertaining to the curriculum committee is a list of course request included in the folder today. As has been done previously, Dr. Edington proposed that he go through all the items and then take a vote on them as a group.

Items 1-7 new course requests from the Music Department
8-11 cleaning up curriculum issues
12-15 new course requests from English Department
16-22 Law School enhancing course offerings, #22 increases hours
23-24 request to reduce credit, #25 new course, and #26 new course
27-55 all course terminations, program no longer offered

Dr. Holder asked for a motion on the report coming from the Curriculum Committee

A motion to accept the report was made and seconded. Dr. Holder asked if there were any questions. Dr. Hightower stated that he was concerned about the title of the course in Item #1 which is listed as MUM 3733-Music Business Marketing. Dr. Edington responded by stating that this is what they are proposing. Dr. Hightower suggested that Item number one be removed. Dr. Owens asked that we remember that as part of a new degree program, the Deans of SBi, Arts & Science and Music must all be aware of the changes before we take any action.

A point of order was called asking that the recommendation to exclude #1 on the Curriculum Committee report be answered. Dr. Holder said that we would

make a substitution, the motion now is to accept the report coming from the Curriculum Committee, excluding item #1.

Dr. Abrams stated that he is not sure where Journalism fits in this change of name. Dr. Edington said that the Curriculum Committee acts on the proposals received from an up to date list of recommendations. If a request is not on the list, then the committee cannot act on it. Dr. Abrams said that the proposal in question was hand carried. Next, procedures were discussed. Dr. Edington referred to the handout in the packet today on procedures for course request submission. After all questions were answered, the motion to accept the report coming from the Curriculum Committee, excluding item #1 carried.

Dr. Edington presented one more action item. There was a request from the College of Arts and Sciences/Computer Information Sciences to change the name of CIS Graduate Degree from Software Engineering to Computer and Information Sciences. A motion was made to adopt the name change. Dr. Washington said that he would like it to be on record that he emphasizes that we don't take any action on any graduate course. Other senators stated full support of Dr. Washington. Dr. Mtanga directed his comment to the faculty senate president. He said that the problem with names come up when we graduate. We must be careful when we change the names.

Dr. Holder asked for the vote to adopt the name change. There was one Nay vote from Dr. Washington. The motion carried. Before ending his presentation, Dr. Edington directed our attention back to items 18 and 19. He asked to speak later concerning these two law courses.

B. Position Paper concerning Funding of the University Dr. Maurice Holder

Included in today's packet is a proposed resolution outlining the space limitations in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. This resolution states that the faculty senate urges the BOG and the Chancellor of the SUS to support effort to increase PECO funding to include the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences building in the current cycle.

C. Gold Medallion Awards Dr. Maurice Holder

President Holder stated that he made two recommendations for the Gold Medallion Award, as is the customary practice. The two names recommended and approved by the faculty senate steering committee are Dr. Mary Diallo and Dr. Rudy Salter. This is for information only. No senate vote is needed.

Dr. Diallo said that she has asked for the criteria for the Gold Medallion Award. She respectfully request that her name be removed until the written policy is provided.

Dr. Holder stated that the Gold Medallion Award was established in 1989. There never have been any written procedures. The recommendation comes for the faculty senate president with any

applications. Any individual who decides may decline. Dr. Diallo stated that she respectfully declines and ask that the faculty senate respect her decision.

D. H1N1 Response Initiatives Ms. Tonya Tatum

Ms. Tatum came forward and presented a campus update on the H1N1 pandemic. The update has been included in the packets today. Ms. Tatum stressed the seriousness of this outbreak with by figures from the CDC documenting over 22,000 people hospitalized and over 800 deaths in the US. Florida reports 1,300 hundred hospitalized and 160 deaths. 1,000 vaccines were given out this year. We have and “isolation” apartment for sick students. Plans are in place to open an alternate care site that will provide additional space for sick students if needed. The alternate care site will house 12 female students and 1 male students. Flu season hasn’t started yet. Flu season is from November until March. She urged everyone to keep following the practice you are doing now to prevent spreading the virus.

E. Library Committee Dr. Ruth Swan

Dr. Swan presented the report from the Library Committee. The report is included in the packet today. Highlights were on collection management with thanks given to SGA for their fundraising initiatives. Proceeds from the SGA Coleman Library Showcase fundraiser are used to purchase out of print books. Public Service shows major growth in the literacy instruction program. Staffing, travel issues and copy/print services to the public were also highlighted. At the conclusion of the report, Dr. Washington asked we are going to copyright the PhD and Master Theses.

F. Travel Awards Dr. Roscoe Hightower

Dr. Hightower stated that the travel awards were given to 7 individuals. Everyone has received their refunds. Dr. Diallo has requested to be given the names and the amount of the awards.

New Business

**A. Evaluation of Administrators Dr. James Muchovej
Dr. Renee Reams
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport**

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B. Awards Ceremony/General Faculty Meeting Dr. Gwendolyn Singleton

The awards ceremony and the General Faculty meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. At this time the President will give the "State of the University" address.

After Dr. Singleton's presentation, Dr. Hudson Nwakanma asked to address the senate. He stated that he did not mean to censor a fellow senator.

**C. Establishment of Committee to set up Christmas Social Persaud/Bruce/Singleton/
Lewis/ Rozier**

Dr Persaud stated that we will have a Christmas social; however no decisions have been made yet. An email will be sent. Your feedback is needed. The social is being funded by private dollars. No state funds will be used.

Announcements

No announcement were made

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary

Rebecca Bruce
Faculty Senate Office Manager