

Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Lee Hall Auditorium
Dr. Dreamal Worthen, Presiding

Officers (Present)

Dr. Dreamal Worthen, Vice President
Dr. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian

Officers (Absent)

Dr. Narayan Persaud

Senators (Present)

Dr. Mary Diallo
Ms. Edith Carnley
Dr. Kyle Eidahl
Dr. David Jackson, Jr.
Dr. Na’Imah Ford
Dr. Deidre Evans
Dr. Lakan Latinwo
Dr. Desmond Stephens
Dr. Lavetta Henderson
Dr. Rufus Ellis
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport
Dr. Lambert Kanga
Dr. Ann Marie Cavazos
Dr. Nise Nekheba
Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Perry Brown
Dr. Ronald Lumpkin
Dr. Chao Li
Dr. Roscoe Hightower
Prof. Andrew Skerritt
Dr. Bettye Grable
Dr. Sevilla Bronson
Dr. Elijah Johnson
Ms. Jeneice Smith
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes

Senators (Absent)

Mrs. Marci Duncan
Dr. Huberta Jackson-Lowman
Dr. Merlin Langley
Dr. Jermaine Robertson
Dr. Gervin Robertson
Dr. Angela Thornton
Mr. Sylvester Peck, Sr.
Ms. Raquista Claitt
Dr. Primus Mtenga
Dr. Aurelia Alexander
Dr. Oliver Chamel
Dr. Angela Murphy
Dr. DeEdgra Williams
Dr. Uloma Onubogu

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Violetka Colova
Dr. Carl Moore
Prof. Kandy Woods
Dr. Aretha Hill

Ex-Officio (Voting) (Absent)

Dr. Donald Palm
Mrs. Brenda Wright

SGA (Voting) (Absent)

Mr. Evan Bailey

The Faculty Senate was opened by Vice President/Senator Dreamel Worthen at 3:23 p.m. Because there was no quorum, the Faculty Senate could not officially undertake any business. VP/Senator Worthen began by reading comments from President/Senator Persaud, who could not be present because of a Board of Trustee Meeting.

Senator Worthen requested all who serve on the Committee on Committee to provide the names of 5 colleagues from their respective schools/colleges to serve on the numerous committees. She announced that the School of Business and Industry and the School of Nursing have submitted names.

Dr. Deidre Powell gave a for information-only report about the Benevolent/Condolence Plan. She outlined the suggestions that this committee was pursuing.

VP/Senator Worthen then announced the names of the people being considered for professor-emeritus. She also announced the recommendation for an honorary doctorate for former Trustee Bill Jennings, and a recommendation of a name change for the School of Architecture.

Senator Hightower (SBI) brought in a recommendation from the SBI to consider changing the grading system to include the use of plus and minus. Senator Hightower presented the advantages of moving to this system. It was noted that the College of Law already uses the plus and minus grades. After some discussion, VP/Senator Worthen asked for a show of hands to agree to refer this matter to the Council on Academic Policies. It was agreed.

It was reported that a quorum was present. It was moved and seconded the agenda be approved. The motion carried. It was moved and seconded the minutes be approved with corrections. The motion carried.

- One correction to the October minutes was submitted by Senator Diallo. The minute should have reflected that she questioned the statement that reads, “**Advisors are responsible for the actions of the memberships, and its sponsorship of events while in attendance at events on and off-campus.**”

NEW BUSINESS

It was the motioned and seconded the three (3) names that had been submitted be approved for the title Professor-Emeritus. The motion carried.

It was the motioned and seconded for the approval of the awarding of the Honorary Doctorate to former Trustee Bill Jennings. The motion carried.

Senator David Jackson (SSAH) asked if the Honorary Doctorate Committee had met. After some discussion it was determined this committee had not met.

It was motioned and seconded that the original motion be retracted. Senators were asked to vote by a showing of hands. The motion carried 20 to 0. The motion was retracted.

Senator Latinwo said the Research Award Policy Committee had not met, but Senator/President Persaud had asked him about changing the timeframe from seven (7) to five (5) years.

It was motioned and seconded to change the name of the School of Architecture to the School of Architecture and Engineering Technology. The motion carried.

Announcements:

1. The Committee on Committee was reminded to provide the names from each college/school.
2. Once the Honorary Doctorate Committee has met a ballot will be sent out electronically.

Senator Latinwo talked about students partying on Friday in front of the library. His concern was about retention and image. Senator Kanga was asked to have the Student Affairs Committee investigate how this problem could be rectified.

It was moved and seconded that the Faculty Senate be adjourned. The motion carried; the Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.

Submitted,

Joe A. Houston, Recorder