

Minutes of the Faculty Senate
April 28, 2014 Senate Retreat/Meeting
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FAMU Teleconference Center

Officers (Present)

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

Senators (Present)

Dr. Mary Diallo
Dr. Kyle Eidahl
Dr. David Jackson
Dr. Huberta Jackson-Lowman
Dr. Na’Imah Ford
Dr. Merlin Langley
Dr. Jermaine Robertson
Dr. Carol Scarlett
Dr. Jesse Edwards
Dr. Rufus Ellis
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport
Dr. Lambert Kanga
Dr. Violetka Tslova
Dr. Margaret Gitau
Dr. Ann Marie Cavazos
Dr. Nise Nekheba
Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Carl Moore
Dr. Primus Mtenga
Prof. Kandy Woods
Dr. Aurelia Alexander
Dr. Ronal Lumpkin
Dr. Aretha Hill
Prof. Andrew Skerritt
Dr. Elijah Johnson
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes

Officers (Absent)

Mrs. Marci Duncan
Ms. Edith Carnley

Dr. Deidre Evans
Dr. Lekan Latinwo
Dr. Desmond Stephens
Dr. Lavetta Henderson
Dr. Perry Brown
Dr. Angela Thornton
Mr. Sylvester Peck
Ms. Raquista Claitt
Dr. Chao Li
Dr. Olivier Chamel
Dr. Angela Murphy
Dr. Uloma Onubogu
Dr. Sevilla Bronson
Dr. Marcia Owens

Officers (Excused)

Dr. Roscoe Hightower

Ex-Officio (Voting)(Present)

Mrs. Faye Watkins

Ex-Officio (Voting)(Absent)

Dr. Donald Palm

SGA (Voting)(Absent)

Mr. Evan Bailey

After the morning's working retreat and lunch, the Faculty Senate Meeting was opened by Senator/President Persaud at 2:18 p.m. He gave remarks about current issues at the University. President Persaud admonished the Senate to be vigilant. He encouraged the senators to become one as a body.

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

Because the secretary was absent from the last Senate Meeting, there were no minutes. President Persaud apologized.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Neil James presented the Curriculum Committee Report. It was moved and seconded the report for new courses be accepted. The motion carried. It was motioned and seconded the course change requests be adopted. The motion carried.

There were two requests for new degree programs. The first report for Interdisciplinary Studies was presented by Senator Langley. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was moved and seconded we adopt the proposal for this degree. The motion carried.

The second degree was a bachelor degree in Environmental Studies. The degree specifications were presented by Dr. Elijah Johnson. It was motioned and moved the degree be adopted. The motion carried.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- ❖ The first item of continuing business was the proposed change to the plus/minus grading system. Senator Hightower presented the report. It was moved and seconded the recommendation be accepted. The motion carried.
- ❖ Senator Kanga gave a report from the Student Welfare Council.
- ❖ Senators Carl Moore and Primus Mtenga gave remarks about the conditions at the College of Engineering.

The Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joe A. Houston, Recorder