

Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Tuesday, March 17, 2015
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Lee Hall Auditorium
Dr. Bettye A. Grable, Presiding

Officer's (Present)

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

Senator's (Present)

Dr. William Guzman
Dr. Kyle Eidahl
Dr. David Jackson
Dr. Huberta Jackson-Lowman
Dr. Merlin Langley
Dr. Paulette Reneau
Dr. James Strohaber
Dr. Lekan Latinwo
Dr. Desmond Stephens
Dr. Jesse Edwards
Dr. Lavetta Henderson
Dr. Rufus Ellis
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport
Dr. Violetka Tsoleva
Dr. Margaret Gitau
Dr. Ann Marie Cavazos
Dr. Joseph Grant
Dr. John Cooperwood
Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Perry Brown
Dr. Angela Thornton
Mr. Sylvester Peck
Dr. Carl Moore
Dr. Primus Mtenga
Dr. Aurelia Alexander
Dr. Clyde Ashley
Dr. Roscoe Hightower
Dr. Aretha Hill
Dr. David Guthrie
Dr. Sevilla Bronson
Dr. Elijah Johnson
Ms. Jeneice Smith
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes

Senators (Absent)

Mrs. Marci Duncan
Dr. Na'Imah Ford
Dr. Jermaine Robertson
Dr. Keawin Sarjeant
Dr. Nise Nekheba
Ms. Raquista Claitt
Dr. Ronald Lumpkin
Dr. Chao Li
Dr. Olivier Chamel
Dr. Robert Richardson

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Raymond Hix
Dr. Dawn Brown-Cross

Ex-Officio (Voting) (Present)

Dr. Donald Palm
Mrs. Faye Watkins

SGA (Voting) (Present)

Mr. Ronnie Mackey, II

The meeting was opened by President/Senator Bettye Grable at 3:01 p.m. The parliamentarian was not present; therefore, an official accounting of whether a quorum was present could not be established.

President/Senator Grable shared the following information:

1. The BOG would be meeting here at FAMU this week; eight faculty members were invited to attend breakfast;
2. The Senate Office would not move to Lee Hall because of logistical problems;
3. Senators were urged to read the Notes from the President's Desk;
4. We were given a letter from Rick Scott about his budget; and
5. The Heroine's Tea was announced as a part of Women's History Month.

The parliamentarian announced a quorum was present, and the Senate could be opened for business.

The second item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes. It was motion and seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried. It was then moved and seconded the agenda be adopted. The motion carried.

The parliamentarian then came to hold the election of officers. The new officers will take office at the beginning of the new academic year. The following senators were elected to serve for the 2015-2017 term.

Senator Betty Grable, President
Senator Joe Ann Houston, Vice President
Senator Anne Marie Cavazos, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Senator Davenport announced she is running for the state-wide vice presidency of UFF. The deadline is Friday, March 20.
2. Senator Jackson-Lowman reminded the senate about the Imhotep Seminar.
3. Senator Watkins announced the library survey. She encouraged faculty to complete the survey.
4. Senator Langley announced that Interdisciplinary Studies now has a webpage.

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Provost David gave brief remarks. She thanked the faculty for its acceptance. Senator Ashley invited the provost to have a town hall meeting to meet with the entire faculty. Provost David reported she'd already met with the faculty in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities. It is her intention to meet with the faculties of all the other colleges. Her top initiatives for the coming year are (1) work with junior faculty/faculty development, (2) work with deans to make sure efforts are aligned with the Strategic Plan and (3) improve the graduation rate. Senator Holder asked the provost if she'd consider a Dean of Faculty position.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Senator Langley recommended the University award James H. Latimer the honorary doctorate. It was moved and seconded the committee report be adopted. The motion carried.
- ❖ Senator Davenport presented the committee report for the Emeritus Professor. The committee recommended Narayan Persaud and Gale Workman receive the title emeritus professor. Moved and seconded the report be adopted. The motion passed.
- ❖ A resolution was read from the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates opposing concealed weapons on university campuses. It was moved and seconded we strongly oppose concealed weapons and support the resolution. The motion passed.

Former FAMU-UFF president Bill Tucker was allowed to address the Senate. He announced FAMU Day at the capital. He also mentioned an NACCP effort to restore the rights of felons.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Dr. Neil James presented the Curriculum Committee Report. It was moved and seconded the report be accepted. The motion carried.

Dr. Verian Thomas, interim dean of graduate studies, was added to the agenda. She discussed the policy of a grade average being reset. A copy of the proposed policy will be sent out. She announced a meeting on March 20.

The Senate adjourned at 4:43.

Joe A. Houston, Recorder