

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**March 16, 2004**  
**Lee Hall Auditorium**  
**3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Presiding, Dr. Mary B. Diallo**

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**Attendance**

**Officers (Present)**

Dr. Mary B. Diallo, President  
Dr. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian  
Dr. Dreamal Worthen, 6<sup>th</sup> President

**Senators (Present)**

Dr. G. Thomas Bellarmine	C. Perry Brown
Dr. Jennifer Cherrier	Dr. Willie Cook
Dr. Gwendolyn Dixon	Dr. Kyle Eidahl
Dr. Adeline Evans	Dr. Mildred Fennal
Dr. Shawnta Friday	Lt. Col. B. K. Haynes
Dr. Beulah Hemmingway	Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Elijah Johnson	Dr. Joseph Johnson
Ms. Michelle Jones	Dr. Robin Kennedy
Dr. Lekan Latinwo	Dr. Odemari Mbuya
Ms. Lisa McClelland	Dr. Yvonne McIntosh
Dr. Wendell Motter	Dr. Mitwe Musingo
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku	Dr. Narayan Persaud
Prof. Thomas Pugh	Dr. Rhonda Porter
Dr. Marian Smith	Ms. Barbara Trueblood
Mrs. Cornelia Taylor	Dr. William Tucker
Dr. Valerie White	Ms. Linda Williams
Dr. Charles Wright	

**Ex-Officio Senator Voting (Present)**

Dr. Dorothy Henderson

**Senator (s) Excused**

Dr. Jacquelyn Bolden	Dr. Patrick Johnson
Dr. Hudson Nwakanma	Dr. Omar Saleem

**Other Faculty (Present)**

Dr. Soronnadi Nnaji

Since a full quorum had not been reached by 3:10 p.m., Dr. Diallo decided to make her report (See Faculty Senate President's Report.), which included a meeting with President Gainous and a summary of the President's Executive Council meetings.

President Gainous gave the Faculty Senate an update on the State's Budget and FAMU's Strategic Plan. He asked the Faculty Senate to send a representative to the Strategic Plan Committee meetings. He then opened the floor for questions and answers.

Dr. Joseph Johnson stated that there are many student academic quality issues impacted by the bill on excess credit hours, such as program enrichment, program diversity, and horizon broadening. He asked whether or not there is an established University or Faculty Senate position on this important matter.

Dr. Gainous addressed the excess credit hour issue and suggested that the Faculty Senate take the lead in addressing the maximum numbers of hours a student should take.

The President noted that the Master of Public Health program was being duplicated at Florida State University. A discussion followed that addressed the impact of degree program duplications in the State University System. Senators also asked questions about FAMU's admission policy.

The President shared that he met with alumni across the country to discuss attracting outstanding students and scholar athletes.

When told how difficult it is for faculty members to carry out their duties because of a lack of available supplies and other support mechanisms, the President addressed the right of Faculty to be supplied with basic tools and support.

Dr. Holder expressed additional concerns related to tenure, faculty tracking after tenure is granted, and the emphasis placed on teaching and research by the Institution.

Enrollment in C Prep math courses has risen. FAMU is the only university that has the authority to provide remediation courses. The increased enrollment in C Prep math is the result of FAMU admitting more students who need remedial math.

In concluding his presentation, President Gainous reiterated his support of the Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate meeting was officially called to order at 4:03 p.m. The February minutes and the revised agenda were approved.

**Dr. Jesse Lutabingwa**, Asst. VP for the office of International Education and Development, presented an update on the structure of the Office of International Education and Development (OIED). He also discussed study abroad and research opportunities for students and faculty. He discussed his plans to create an advisory

committee for the OIED. He told the body that he and his staff are developing even more opportunities for faculty to study, teach, and conduct research abroad.

### **Committee Report(s)**

**Dr. Soronnadi Nnaji**, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented a written report (see attached), which was accepted by the Senate.

Dr. G. Thomas Bellarmine from CESTA discussed the issue of midterm grade reports. He stated that midterm grade reports arrived during the Spring Break when CESTA faculty members were on vacation. He is concerned that the grade reports came in late and were returned without faculty signatures. Although grade sheets were ready one week before Spring Break, CESTA staff failed to pick them up in time to distribute to the faculty.

### **Announcement**

Dr. William Tucker asked Senators to check the Collective Bargaining unit Web site and emphasized the importance of attending United Faculty of Florida meetings. He announced that the Collective Bargaining contract negotiations are at the beginning stage.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dr. Mildred D. Fennal  
Mrs. Rebecca Bruce