

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2004
Lee Hall Auditorium
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Presiding, Dr. Mary B. Diallo

Attendance

Officers (Present)

Dr. Mary B. Diallo, President
Dr. Hudson Nwakanma, Vice President
Dr. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian
Dr. Dreamal Worthen, 7th President

Senators (Present)

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| Dr. Confidence Amadi | Dr. G. Thomas Bellarmine |
| Dr. C. Perry Brown | 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. Ernestine Holmes |
| Dr. Joseph Johnson | Dr. Robin Kennedy |
| Dr. Merlin Langley | Ms. Lisa McClelland |
| Dr. Wendell Motter | Dr. Mitwe Musingo |
| Dr. Augustine Nwabuzor | Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku |
| Dr. Donald Palm | Dr. Narayan Persaud |
| Prof. Thomas Pugh | Dr. Rhonda Porter |
| Dr. Nancy Red Fern-Vance | Dr. Marian Smith |
| Mrs. Cornelia Taylor | Dr. Keith Tucker |
| Dr. William Tucker | Dr. Valerie White |
| Dr. Charles Wright | |

Senator (s) Excused

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| Dr. Jacquelyn Bolden | Dr. Patrick Johnson |
| Dr. Yvonne McIntosh | Dr. Omar Saleem |

SGA Voting (Present)

Mr. Virgil A. Miller

Senators Ex-officio (Non-Voting) (Present)

Dr. Ruth Swan

Since there was no quorum by 3:15 p.m., Dr. Mary Diallo distributed her written update and multiple documents for review, including a proposed contractual agreement between Tallahassee Community College and Florida A&M University. She discussed some items in her written summary of the President's Executive Council meetings. She also announced that Dr. Fred Gainous' evaluation had been completed.

Dr. Uche O. Ohia, Director of Assessment, spoke to the Faculty Senate about the goals and objectives of her office, outlining her 6-step approach to assessment. She announced that FAMU would create departmental and university-wide assessment committees.

Dr. Diallo asked Senators to consider the contract between FAMU and Tallahassee Community College, adding that Dr. Gita Pitter, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, would respond to the Senators' questions or concerns. A discussion about the merits of the agreement and the lack of faculty participation in the process ensued. Dr. Pitter defended the merits of the agreement and answered many of the Senators' questions.

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

The discussion concerning the agreement between FAMU and TCC continued. Many Senators said that they did not have enough information to make an informed decision. Dr. William Tucker moved to suspend any action on the contract until the next Faculty Senate meeting. The motion passed.

Dr. Hudson Nwakanma announced that senate committee chairs are working diligently and that he had encouraged them to make reports to the Faculty Senate. Dr. Nwakanma also announced that the Shared Governance Committee meeting would be held on April 23, at noon.

Dr. Diallo presented Dr. Soronnadi Nnaji's Curriculum Committee report. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion passed.

Dr. Diallo presented Dr. Patrick Johnson's Honorary Doctoral Committee report to the body. Mr. Otis Williams was not recommended for an honorary degree. The committee recommended that Mr. Ted Turner receive a Doctor of Humane Letters degree. It was moved and seconded to accept the report. The motion passed.

Dr. Diallo announced that the Faculty Senate Retreat would be held in the Teleconference Center on Tuesday, May 4, from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. When a question was raised about the location, she told Senators that she would send confirmation of the location by e-mail.

Dr. Diallo announced that Drs. Shawnta Friday and Curtis Mann had been hired by FAMU to conduct an environmental scan of the University.

The Faculty Senate meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dr. Mildred D. Fennal
Mrs. Rebecca Bruce