

Florida A&M University  
Faculty Senate Called Meeting  
Monday, June 7, 2004  
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Presiding: Dr. Diallo, Faculty Senate President

**Officers (Present)**

Dr. Mary B. Diallo, President  
Dr. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian  
Dr. Mildred Fennal, Acting Secretary  
Dr. Dreamal Worthen, 7<sup>th</sup> President

**Senators (Present)**

Dr. Jennifer Cherrier	Dr. Willie Cook
Dr. Kyle Eidahl	Dr. Adeline Evans
Dr. Mildred Fennal	Lt. Col. B. K. Haynes
Dr. Maurice Holder	Dr. Ernestine Holmes
Dr. Joseph Johnson	Dr. Shirley Johson
Dr. Robin Kennedy	Dr. Lekan Latinwo
Dr. Odemari Mbuya	Ms. Lisa McClelland
Dr. Wendell Motter	Dr. Mitwe Musingo
Dr. Barbara Nowak	Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Donald Palm	Dr. Narayan Persaud
Dr. Rhonda Porter	Dr. Marian Smith
Mrs. Cornelia Taylor	Dr. Keith Tucker
Dr. William Tucker	Dr. Valerie White
Ms. Linda Williams	

**Ex-Officio (voting)**

Dr. Dorothy Henderson

**Senators Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) (Present)**

Dr. Larry Robinson

**SGA Voting (Present)**

Mr. Ramon Alexander

Ms. Keneshia Grant

**Other Meeting Attendees**

Mr. Kirk Gavin  
Mr. Joe A. Houston  
Mr. Roscoe Hightower  
Ms. Genyne Boston  
Mr. Daniel Wim  
Mr. Kevin Carter  
Dr. Gita Pita  
Dre Patricia Green-Powell  
Mr. William McCray  
Dr. Mohammad Shariat

The special meeting was called to order by the President of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Diallo at 2:20 p.m.

### **Presidents Report**

Dr. Diallo reported on the Board of Education documentation of AA transfers to Florida A&M University, which lists the numbers Associate Degree (AA) transfer that FAMU reported. There seems to be some discrepancy in the numbers. During the President's report it was noted that we get more transfers from other community colleges than from TCC.

### **The Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs**

Dr. Robinson gave an update on the FAMU/TCC articulation agreement. He stated that he wished to "dispel the myth that this agreement was something that was conjured up by the present administration". He stated that with this agreement FAMU would be targeting under subscribed programs here on campus. He interjected that students from outside of FAMU may have difficulty coming here because of our infrastructure, i.e. parking and the location of certain offices (not being in a centrally located place). The report also revealed that there are no studies to show what the agreement between the two parties will net in the form of AA transfers. Therefore, no specific measures are associated with the agreement. It was made clear that FAMU must keep its enrollment up to the 95% quota; otherwise the University will lose money from our base in the future. No money has been lost yet.

Mr. William McCray, Associate Director of Student Affairs is the liaison between TCC and FAMU. He reported that FAMU has not established an office at TCC or an orientation program for community college transfers.

### **Questions and Answers**

What would stop TCC from taking over the courses and assigning their faculty? Why are we doing this if the students must come here? There seems to be some lack of understanding regarding what will be done and what will not be done?

Courses will be limited. Degrees will be offered by FAMU, but the students would not have to take classes at FAMU.

A concerned student pointed out that they understand that TCC students will be given priority for classes. Do we intend to hire more faculty, because we do not have enough full time faculty now?"

Dr. Joseph Johnson stated that there is no threat, TCC students deliberately choose to go to TCC and not come to FAMU. He suggested one recruitment strategy: to transport TCC students to FAMU for a campus tour. Allow them to see excellence with caring.

Dr. Robinson said that the threat to FAMU is that we must keep up 95% enrollment and that the enrollment model is non negotiable. This defines base pay.

Another question was asked “Why not create a FAMU West Campus?”

Dr. Tucker asked “Why not have more visibility on TCC’s campus instead of sending faculty to teach?”

Dr. Holder wanted to know if this is a TCC plan to position itself to provide bachelor degrees? Is the administration in agreement with what TCC is trying to do to us?

Dr. Persaud asked “What are we doing on this campus to improve retention?” Sophomores taking upper level courses in the Department of Criminal Justice have three faculty members for 500 students. “The Faculty Senate needs to know if the agreement has been signed”.

Dr. Robinson stated that the presidents of both institutions have signed the agreement. The Board of Trustees sent the agreement back to the Faculty Senate for further review.

Dr. Beal pointed out that it seems what we have here is the cart before the horse because the agreement had been signed before the approval of the Board of Trustees. Now the Faculty Senate’s input is being sought?

After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Holder made a motion and it was moved and properly second that: The FAMU/TCC agreement as presented in its present form not be approved by the Faculty Senate; and that written revisions to the document by the Faculty Senate be completed and sent to the President and Provost for consideration

Dr. Tucker seconded the motion.

The Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate will work on the document as expediently as possible and present revisions to the President and Provost. Dr. Diallo thanked the Senators for attending the called meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted:

Mildred D. Fennal, Acting Secretary  
Rebecca Bruce, Office Manager