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Florida A&M University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 19, 2004
Lee Hall Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
Presiding: Dr. Mary B. Diallo, President

The attendance was as follows:

Officers (Present)

Dr. Mary B. Diallo
Dr. Hudson Nwakanma
Dr. Mary Fennal
Dr. James Muchovej
Dr. Dreamal Worthen

Senators (Present)

Dr. Confidence Amadi	Dr. Yves Anglade
Dr. G. Thomas Bellarmine	Dr. Michael Abrams
Dr. Dr. Clyde Perry Brown	Dr. Jennifer Cherrier
Dr. Willie Cook	Dr. Elizabeth Davenport
Dr. Kyle Eidahl	Dr. Adeline Evans
Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud	Dr. Beulah Hemmingway
Dr. Maurice Holder	Dr. Ernestine Holmes
Dr. Christopher Ikediobi	Dr. Newton Jackson
Dr. Joseph Johnson	Dr. Eric Kalu
Dr. Peter Kalu	Dr. Robin Kennedy
Dr. Lekan Latinwo	Dr. Alfredo Lorenzo
Ms. Lisa McClelland	Dr. Yvonne McIntosh
Dr. Wendell Motter	Dr. Augustine Nwabuzor
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku	Dr. Narayan Persaud
Prof. Thomas Pugh	Dr. Rhonda Porter
Dr. Nancy Red Vern-Vance	Dr. Velma Roberts
Mrs. Cornelia Taylor	Dr. Angela Thornton
Dr. Keith Tucker	Dr. William Tucker

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Gwendolyn Dixon	Dr. Cassel Gardner
Dr. Patrick Johnson	Ms. Linda Williams
Ms. Michelle Jones	

SGA Voting (Present)

Ms. Keneshia Grant

Ex-Officio (Voting Present)

Dr. Dorothy Henderson

Dr. Larry Rivers

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Present)

CDR Fred F. Beckham Jr.

Other Faculty (Present)

Dr. Marvin Henderson

Dr. Charles Stanley

Ms. Jessica N. Larché

The Faculty Senate President called the meeting to order at 3:15 P. M.

Dr. Diallo made opening remarks, summarizing the accomplishments of the Faculty Senate for the past year, i.e. improved representation on university-wide committees; increased research opportunities; involvement in the evaluation of the President and the resolution of the FAMU/TCC agreement; involvement in the discussion of the President's tenure and her vote for his dismissal. Dr. Diallo encouraged the membership of the Senate to participate in shared governance, especially in the times that we face ahead.

Approval of the Agenda: The addition of Ms. Kaneshia Grant, representative of the Student Government was made to the Agenda. After minor typographical adjustments, the agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes: It was moved and properly seconded that the minutes of September 21, 2004 be approved.

Board of Governor's Report: Dr. Dreamal Worthen provided information on the proposed Advisory Council of Faculty Senate's motion on Academic Learning Compacts. She also discussed the Board of Governors' block tuition proposal. All information related to Academic Learning Compacts and proposed FTE assignments may be viewed at www.fldcu.org.

Committee on Committees: Dr. Hudson Nwakanma announced that the committee would hold its first meeting next week.

FAMU DRS Committee: The Committee met twice during the 2003-2004 academic year. Recommendations from this committee include; restructuring the current objectives; increasing the current involvement of the college: distributing the collaborative plan of FAMU/DRS to all schools and colleges at the university. A motion was made and properly seconded that the report be accepted. The motion carried.

Committee on Honorary Doctorate: Mrs. Cornelia Taylor presented the revised criteria for the selection of honorary degree candidates. A motion was made to table the document until the next meeting. The motion passed.

Student Government: Ms. Kaneshia Grant announced that early voting had started and encouraged everyone to get out and vote. She announced that on October 27, 2004, students from FAMU, FSU and TCC would march to the Leon County Court House for a rally. She asked faculty to encourage their students to vote.

Unfinished Business:

Hurricane Relief: The Faculty Senate will work through the Student Affairs office to determine needs and distribution strategies for students who have been impacted by the recent hurricane. Ms. Alice Mathis will serve as the liaison person for the Office of Student Affairs.

Election of officers:

Secretary: Dr. Mildred D. Fennal School of Nursing

Steering Committee:

Name	School/College
Dr. Kyle Eidal	Arts & Sciences
Dr. Rhonda Porter	Education
Dr. Thomas Bellamine	CESTA
TBA	College of Law
Dr. Maurice Holder	Pharmacy
TBA	FAMU DRS
Dr. Peter Kalu	FAMU/FSU Engineering
Dr. Patrick Johnson	Allied Health
Dr. Confidence Amadi	Business & Industry
Dr. Willie Cook	General Studies
Ms. Lisa McCelland	Graduate Studies
Dr. Michael Abrams	Journalism
Dr. Nancy Redfern-Vance	Nursing
Dr. Jennifer Cherrier	Environmental Science
Dr. Ernestine Holmes	Library
Ms. Keneshia Grant	Student Government

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Dr. Wendell Motter	Arts & Sciences
Dr. Newton Jackson	Education
Dr. Dreamal Worthen	Engineering, Science, Technology
Dr. Angela Thorton	Pharmacy
Dr. Eric Kalu	FAMU/FSU Engineering

Dr. Patrick Johnson	Allied Health
TBA	FAMU DRS
Prof. Valerie Goodman	Architecture
Dr. Chanta Friday-Stroud	Business & Industry
Dr. Michelle Jones	General Studies
Dr. Linda Williams	Graduate Studies
Dr. Joseph Ippolito	Journalism
Dr. Mildred Fennal	Nursing
Dr. Eliza Johnson	Environmental Science
Dr. Cornelia Taylor	Library
Ms. Keneshia Grant	SGA

New Business:

Some Senators expressed concerns regarding new office furniture for administrators when faculty members lack essential tools for teaching.

Dr. Diallo asked Senators to serve on the committee to evaluate deans, chairs, and other administrators. Committee members are: Mildred Fennal, Patrick Johnson, Jr., Yvonne McIntosh, Hudson Nwakanma, and Barbara Thompson.

The President of the Faculty Senate was commended for role performance in the past year. There was a general consensus that the President had performed admirably in representing the faculty on the Board of Trustees and otherwise. Therefore, it was viewed as a necessity that the Faculty Senate document in the minutes its expression of appreciation to the President.

A motion was made to give the Faculty Senate President a letter along with a plaque in appreciation of her performance for the last year. The motion passed.

A discussion of the relationship between the Board of Trustees and the Faculty Senate occurred. Suggestions offered included having a reception, making a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Trustees on the issues that are important to the Faculty Senate. The leadership of the Faculty Senate will seek ways to carry out the Senate's wishes and report back to the Senate.

Respectfully Submitted

Mildred D. Fennal, Secretary

Mrs. Rebecca Bruce, Office Manager