

Florida A&M University
The Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2005
Lee Hall, 3:00 p.m.
Presiding Dr. Mary Diallo, President

The attendance is as follows:

Officers (Present)

Dr. Mary B. Diallo, President
Dr. Hudson Nwakanma, Vice President
Dr. Mildred Fennal, Secretary
Dr. Dreamal Worthen, Sixth President

Senators (Present)

Dr. Confidence Amadi
Dr. Clyde Perry-Brown
Dr. Willie Cook
Dr. Kyle Eidahl
Dr. Mildred Fennal
Dr. Cassel Gardner
Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Christopher Ikediobi
Dr. Newton Jackson
Dr. Joseph Johnson
Dr. Eric Kalu
Dr. Robin Kennedy
Ms. Lisa McClelland
Dr. Wendell Motter
Dr. Donald Palm
Prof. Thomas Pugh
Mrs. Cornelia Taylor
Dr. Keith Tucker
Dr. William Tucker

Dr. G. Thomas Bellarmine
Dr. Jennifer Cherrier
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport
Dr. Adeline Evans
Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud
Dr. Beulah Hemmingway
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes
Dr. Joseph Ippolito
Dr. Elijah Johnson
Dr. Patrick Johnson
Dr. Peter Kalu
Dr. Alfredo Lorenzo
Dr. Yvonne McIntosh
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Rhonda Porter
Dr. Velma Roberts
Dr. Angela Thornton

SGA Voting (Present)

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Patrick Johnson
Ms. Michelle Jones
Dr. Nancy RedFern-Vance

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting Present)

Interim President Castell Bryant
Provost Dr. Larry Robinson
Dr. Cynthia Hughes-Harris

Ex-Officio (Voting Present)

Dr. Dorothy Henderson
Capt. Anthony Jiles

Ms. Linda C. Williams

Other Faculty (Present)

Capt. Anthony Jiles
Dr. Uche Ochia
Alicestine Ashford
Dr. Soronnadi Nnaji

The Faculty Senate President called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. It was moved and properly seconded to approve the Agenda, with the following adjustment: President Castell Bryant would speak before Dr. Mary Diallo's opening remarks. The motion carried.

President Castell V. Bryant addressed two issues that the Faculty Senate Steering Committee submitted to her:

Payroll Audit: Dr. Bryant announced that in the future, paychecks will be printed on campus and that the audit was part of the preparation for such. She also stated that FAMU at present is printing 4, 383 checks per pay period. In speaking of the payroll audit, Dr. Bryant emphasized how important it is to have accountability measures in place. She said that a review of the data from the payroll audit is currently underway and that she would receive a report in a few weeks.

Spending Moratorium and Contracts and Grants. Dr. Bryant explained that the administration imposed a moratorium to bring spending under control. She told the Senators that in February, FAMU spent \$4,000,900 on purchases and contracts, adding that that amount has been reduced to \$224,000. She said that once the moratorium is lifted, she expects the monthly outlays to be between \$224,000 and \$3,000,000.

During the question-and-answer period that followed, Senators asked Dr. Bryant questions about the following: lines held by administrators, limitations placed on travel, clarification on the spending moratorium as it relates to contracts and grants, the need for travel funds, and the perceived lack of communication between the administration and the faculty. Additionally, members of the School of Pharmacy told Dr. Bryant that the administration had failed to pay at least one regular faculty member during the last pay period and that some adjunct professors and professors who are teaching overloads have not been paid this semester. Dr. Bryant apologized for the mistakes that had been made and assured the professors that the problems would be resolved.

At the request of a Senator, Dr. Bryant discussed the findings of a recent financial aid audit. She announced the hiring of Mr. McMillan who now heads the Department of Financial Services. Another Senator told Dr. Bryant that he was concerned about the wording in the memo informing faculty of the audit, i.e., the use of the terms "... up to dismissal". Dr. Bryant offered her apology to anyone who was offended by the memo. She emphasized the legal reasons for the language in the memo.

Dr. Bryant took other faculty concerns under advisement, promising to find solutions to the issues presented to her.

Curriculum Committee: Dr. Soronnadi Nnaji, Chair, reported that the Curriculum committee recommended the approval of the Doctorate in Educational Psychology, six new courses from the College of Education, one new course from the School of Allied Health Sciences, as well as the Academic Learning Compacts (ALC) document submitted by the Office of Assessment,

Professor Emeritus Committee: Dr. Barbara Mosely, Chair, reported that the Professor Emeritus Committee recommended that the following professors receive Professor Emeritus status: **College of Arts & Sciences** - Drs. Robert Flakes, Louis H. Pratt, Chebium B. Subrahmanyam and Emma Fenceroy (to be awarded posthumously); **College of Education**- Dr. Rhea Schwartz; **School of Journalism and Graphic Communication** -Dr. Ronald Norvelle and Robert Ruggles are slated to receive he award.

SACS Reaffirmations Committees: The list of available slots on various SACS Reaffirmation Committees was made available to Senators. Some Senators agreed to serve on one or more committees, but all of the slots were not been filled.

New Business

Bereavement Protocol

Dr. Diallo asked the Senate to consider working with the administration to establish a Bereavement Protocol to ensure proper recognition of current and former employees.

Academic Learning Compact: Dr. Henry William and Dr. Uche presented a written report to the Senate.

Addressing a Senator's request for an update from the Evaluation Committee established to create an evaluation instrument for deans and chairs, Dr. Diallo said that at the request of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, she had submitted a written request to Provost Larry Robinson to ask him to address that issue. She added that it was the consensus of the Steering Committee to work with the Provost in developing an instrument that would include faculty input.

When Dr. Diallo called for announcements, Dr. William Tucker spoke to the Senate about the FSU's continued effort to kick Drs. Robin Kennedy and Patricia Stampe out of the Mag Lab. A long discussion ensued, and Dr. Tucker made a motion to ask FAMU to rent space in the Mag Lab until a lab on campus is assembled. Dr. Holder offered a friendly amendment, which called on all parties to seek other resources, such as grants and private funding, to pay the rent.

Dr. William Tucker accepted the amendment and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Dr. Mildred Fennal, Secretary
Mrs. Shandrecka Murphy, Senior Secretary