

Florida A&M University
The Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2005
Lee Hall, 3:00 p. m.
Presiding: Dr. Mary B. Diallo, President

The Attendance was as follows:

Officers (Present)

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

Senators (Present)

Dr. Michael Abrams
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport
Dr. Adeline Evans
Dr. Beulah Hemmingway
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes
Dr. Joseph Johnson
Ms. Michelle Jones
Dr. Lekan Latinwo
Ms. Lisa McClelland
Dr. Augustine Nwabuzor
Dr. Donald Palm
Prof. Thomas Pugh
Dr. Velma Roberts
Dr. Angela Thornton
Dr. William Tucker
Dr. Renee Wallace
Dr. Arthur Washington
Dr. Bidhan Saha
Dr. Henry Lewis, III
Mr. Nathaniel Friends

Dr. Willie Cook
Dr. Elizabeth Dobson
Dr. Cassel Gardner
Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Elijah Johnson
Dr. Patrick Johnson
Dr. Robin Kennedy
Dr. Alfredo Lorenzo
Dr. Wendell Motter
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud
Dr. Anna Green
Dr. Eric Kalu
Dr. Keith Tucker
Dr. Jane Barber
Dr. Charles Ervin
Dr. Merlin Langley
Dr. Joe Ann Houston
Ms. Jennifer Smith

Ex-Officio (Voting Excused)

Dr. Chanta Haywood

Other Faculty (Present)

Dr. Soronnadi Nnaji
Dr. Ruth Swan
Dr. Vivian Hobbs

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Barbara Barnes

Dr. Keith Tucker

Ms. Linda C. Williams

Dr. Jennifer Cherrier

Mrs. Cornelia Taylor

Dr. Peter Kalu

Call to Order: Faculty Senate President, Mary Diallo, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Dr. Diallo welcomed the new Senators and thanked the Senators for the privilege of serving as their representative. She stated her tenure was marked by pending change, dramatic change, and ongoing change and that she tried to represent the Senate in a spirit of cooperation and collegiality. She thanked the Senate for its support during the last two years. Dr. Diallo reported that the FAMU Constitution Committee met during the summer and reviewed FAMU's constitution and the constitutions of other public and private institutions in Florida and other states. She thanked the members who served on the committee.

Following the Roll Call, Dr. Diallo asked for approval of the Agenda. At this point, Dr. Bill Tucker made a motion to add Shared Governance to the Agenda. It was seconded by Dr. Robin Kennedy. Dr. Diallo quoted the following Standing Rule: "That the agenda be limited to scheduled committee reports and items specified by the Steering Committee." She said that a 2/3 vote of the members present would be required to add an item to the agenda. The motion failed.

Dr. Yolanda Bogan, Interim Director of Counseling and Assessment Center, discussed the problems facing FAMU students and other students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. She said that the University is making an effort to provide the appropriate orientation, direction, and advisement to students. She also discussed signs and symptoms of stress that some students experienced. She announced that a psychiatrist is available to students once a week and encouraged faculty to refer students to the Counseling Center.

Dr. Ruth Swan, Associate Director of Libraries, outlined library resources and services available to faculty and students. She said that Coleman Library staff is working to increase the number of library patrons. She encouraged faculty members to order books for their disciplines and thanked faculty members who have made such requests. She asked faculty members to share their research interests with FAMU reference librarians, who, in turn, would be able to inform them of any new books, journals, and other documents related to their interests that arrive in Coleman Library. Dr. Swan told Senators that Coleman Library offers orientation classes for students.

During the question-and-answer period that followed, Senators asked questions about ordering books, journal subscriptions, interlibrary loans requests, placing books and other documents on reserve, and using the FAMU I.D. cards to checkout books at Florida State

University. The Coleman Library staff was also commended for responding promptly to the College of Pharmacy's requests for books and other documents.

Dr. Soronnadi Nnaji, Curriculum Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met on September 15, 2005, to review course requests and the General Education Assessment Plan submitted by the General Education Assessment Committee (GEAC). He reported that the committee approved the seventeen (17) course requests submitted by the Division of Engineering Technology in CESTA and the three (3) course requests submitted by the Department of Educational Leadership in the College of Education. The Committee also approved the GEAC document. He reported that the Curriculum Committee would begin to review the syllabi for new course requests to make sure they follow the mandates of the Academic Learning Compacts. The Curriculum Committee's report was accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.