

Faculty Senate Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2005
3:00 PM, Lee Hall Auditorium
Presiding, Dr. Dreamal Worthen, Faculty Senate Vice President

Faculty Senate Attendance:

Officers (Present)

Dr. Dreamal Worthen, Vice President and Sixth President
Dr. Mildred Fennal, Secretary
Dr. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian

Senators (Present)

Dr. Barbara Barnes	Dr. Willie Cook
Ms. Lisa McClelland	Prof. Elizabeth Dobson
Dr. Adeline Evans	Dr. Bidhan Saha
Dr. Beulah Hemmingway	Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport	Dr. Yvonne McIntosh
Dr. Joseph Johnson	Dr. Patrick Johnson
Mr. Emmett Denny	Dr. Jane Barber
Dr. Lekan Latinwo	Dr. Cassel Gardner
Dr. Henry Lewis III	Dr. Wendell Motter
Dr. Angela Thornton	Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Donald Palm	Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud
Prof. Thomas Pugh	Dr. Velma Roberts
Dr. Anna Green	Dr. Keith Tucker
Dr. Charles Ervin	Dr. Arthur Washington
Dr. Matthew Powers	

Ex-Officio (Voting) (Present)

Dr. Lauren Sapp
Dr. Janie Greenleaf

Other Faculty (Present)

Dr. Soronnadi Nnaji
Ms. Gloria Taylor

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Mary Diallo
Dr. Joe Ann Houston
Dr. Renee Wallace
Dr. Hudson Nwakanma
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes

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

Dr. Keith Jackson

- I. The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by Dr. Dreamal Worthen, Vice President of the Faculty Senate.
- II. **Opening Remarks:** Dr. Worthen explained the reason for having the meeting on Monday instead of Tuesday. She reminded Senators that meetings in May and December are not held on the third Tuesday because of the academic calendar.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda:** It was moved and properly seconded that the Agenda be approved.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** It was moved and properly seconded that the November Minutes be approved with proper corrections.
- V. **Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs:** Dr. Austin stated that enrollment was up and that transfer students enrollment was up as well. She said that students would be able to register if they owe less than one hundred dollars (\$100). She discussed the University's recruitment plans, saying that the intent of the University is to find new means of recruiting more students. She announced that dean searches are underway for the School of Business, the School of Nursing, the College of Law, and the College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Adeline Evans asked if FAMU had sent invitations to all graduating seniors to invite them to apply to FAMU. She also requested that students who have parking tickets over \$100 be allowed to register.

Dr. Austin said that students who owe over \$100 in parking tickets would not be allowed to register. Dr. Evans told the Provost that the Financial Aid Office does not have enough staff and that the employees need to be trained. Dr. Austin agreed. The Provost stated that she was not prepared to speak about what measures had been taken to address the problems in the Financial Aid Office, adding that she would speak to the Director of Financial Aid about the matter.

Dr. Austin talked about the Task Force of Post Secondary Education. One of the questions being asked is: What can be done to enhance higher education? Dr. Austin also discussed Bright Futures and the College Reach Out Program (CROP).

In speaking of the SACS accreditation process, the Provost said that FAMU needs to move a lot faster to complete the course of actions that would demonstrate by 2008 that the institution meets the SACS standards.

Dr. Motter stated that there is a crisis in the Mathematics Department regarding faculty and course offerings. He also said that twelve fewer courses than last spring are being offered. Dr. Motter expressed hope that help could be obtained to open some of those classes. Dr. Motter also requested that advisors be allowed to use the system already in place in the Math Department for overrides and that

students not be allowed to go to the Provost office to receive overrides. The Provost stated that each college or school should provide a central location for registration. In addition, she said that colleges and schools should staff the central registration location with person or persons from each department to assist students. Additionally, she said that those students who go to the Provost Office seeking overrides would be sent back to his or her college, school, or institute. The Provost stated that she received a request for 134 faculty positions and that seven million dollars are available for faculty positions. The Provost is evaluating the requests. She assured the Mathematics Department that help was on the way. Dr. Joseph Johnson requested that a concerted effort be made to recruit graduate students. Dr. Cassel Gardner asked if the search for a dean of CESTA had begun. Dr. Austin said, "No."

Dr. Henry Lewis said the year the construction of the second wing of the new pharmacy building is 10th on the 2006 PECO list. He requested that the Administration reconsider where pharmacy has been placed on the list.

Dr. Elizabeth Davenport stated that the Collective Bargaining Unit does not have a contract and that FAMU had not considered offering faculty a raise. Dr. Evans stated that FAMU did not have a contract, yet the University is paying Administrators top salaries. She stated that the faculty was asking the Provost to help faculty if faculty is to help the Administration.

Dr. Sorronadi Nnaji stated that he would like to see something done for faculty at FAMU, noting that FSU got two raises and FAMU got nothing. Dr. Nnaji asked that the Administration look seriously at doing something for the faculty.

Dr. Austin stated that something is being done to address faculty compensation. She also said that a survey would be conducted to look at the needs of the faculty.

VI. Training for Faculty Members,

Dr. Janie Greenleaf & Ms. Gloria Taylor, Human Resources: Programs for staff & faculty have been developed. Human Resources will be asking for input on what the employees need. A survey is being developed for faculty and it will be online by January 2006.

Dr. Barbara Barnes suggested restructuring the survey using the following rubrics: teaching, research, and service. Dr. Janie Greenleaf stated that it is essential that faculty learn the PeopleSoft system. The future will depend on faculty knowing how to use new electronic media. Dr. Worthen stated that one would need PeopleSoft to access publications, faculty, students, and financial aid. Dr. Friday-Stroud noted that administrators, faculty, and professional support staff need training as well.

VII. Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee: Dr. Nnaji presented the Assessment of Instruction Form designed to receive feedback from students. Dr. Keith Tucker asked if students were expected to use the computer to complete the form. Dr. Wendell Motter encouraged senators to examine the document carefully. Dr. Beulah Hemmingway asked how the results would be used. Dr. S. Nnaji said that they would be used to evaluate teaching effectiveness. Dr. Angela Thornton explained the history of the document. Dr. Velma Roberts suggested that an item labeled NA be added to the document. The Senate did not approve the document.

Committee on Committees

Dr. Worthen said that the Committee on Committees had not met since the last Faculty Senate meeting.

VIII. Announcements

Dr. Wendeli Motter announced that he would finish the DROP program on December 31st. He resigned as a Faculty Senator.

Dr. Henry Lewis announced that the Institute of Public Health received a 7-year accreditation.

Dr. Keith Jackson, Vice President for Research invited the Senators and the faculty to feel free to make an appointment with his office at any time.

IX. Adjournment

The Faculty Senate meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mildred Fennal
Mrs. Rebecca Bruce