

Faculty Senate Meeting
 Tuesday, February 21, 2006
 3:00 P.M. - Lee Hall Auditorium
 Presiding, Dr. Mary B. Diallo, Faculty Senate President

Faculty Senators present at the meeting were as follows:

Officers (Present)

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

Senators (Present)

Dr. Barbara Barnes	Dr. Patrick Johnson
Dr. Narayan Persaud	Dr. Elizabeth Dobson
Dr. Adeline Evans	Dr. Delores Lawson
Dr. Beulah Hemmingway	Attorney Jennifer Smith
Mr. Nathaniel Smith	Dr. Yvonne McIntosh
Dr. Bidhan Saha	Dr. Angela Thornton
Mr. Emmett Denny	Dr. Robin Kennedy
Dr. Maurice Holder	Dr. Alfredo Lorenzo
Ms. Lisa McClelland	Dr. Anna Green
Dr. Henry Lewis III	Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Donald Palm	Dr. Hudson Nwakanma
Prof. Thomas Pugh	Dr. Velma Roberts
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport	Dr. Keith Tucker
Dr. William Tucker	Dr. Renee Wallace
Dr. Charles Ervin	Dr. Arthur Washington
Dr. Joe Ann Houston	Dr. Matthew Powers
Dr. Cassel Gardner	Dr. Elijah Johnson

Ex-Officio (Voting) (Present)

Dr. Lauren Sapp

SGA (Voting) (Present)

Ms. Ebony Ivory

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud
 Dr. Jane Barber
 Dr. Joseph Johnson
 Dr. Michael Abrams
 Mrs. Ernestine Holmes
 Dr. Jennifer Cherrier

Call to Order

Dr. Mary Diallo, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Opening Remarks

See attached document.

Approval of Agenda and Approval of January Minutes

The Senate approved the Agenda and the January 18, 2006 Minutes.

Provost and Vice President Debra Austin

Dr. Debra Austin announced that the Florida Board of Governors would be on campus Thursday, February 23, 2006. Dr. Austin discussed the hiring of Deans, stating that a university committee would be involved with the process, and it would consist of two members from the Faculty Senate, three members from the perspective colleges, two students, one administrator, and one alumnus. She said she expected the interviews to occur in April of 2006 and to bring the deans on board by July 1, 2006.

Dr. Austin announced that FAMU had hired the Hollins Group to assist in the deans' searches. Dr. Arthur Washington told Dr. Austin that he had some concerns about the hiring of new deans given the lack of a permanent administration, stating that if a new president replaced all deans hired by the current administration, it could put the university in chaos. The Provost responded that the positions needed to be filled now.

Dr. Tucker asked the Provost for more information on the Hollins Group search firm. The Provost responded that the information about the consulting group would be posted on the web site.

The Provost presented the restructuring of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The following positions will be abolished:

- Associate Vice President for Academic Programs
- Assistant Vice President for Institutional Research
- Assistant Vice President for International Programs
- Assistant Vice President for Instructional Technology

The following positions will be established:

- Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Academic Programs
- Assistant Vice President for Assessment and Accountability

- Assistant Vice President for Planning and Budget

The Provost reviewed the proposed restructuring of some schools and colleges, which had been posted and circulated to the faculty. She said that three task forces would be set up to determine the pros and cons of the restructuring proposal. Dr. Arthur Washington, questioning the restructuring of the university's schools and colleges, asked if the Deans of the respective colleges would have input into the process. Other Senators asked questions about the proposed restructuring.

FAMU E-mail

Dr. Kenneth Perry made a PowerPoint presentation, during which he gave an overview of the current university computer infrastructure and outlined the upcoming installation of a new e-mail system. He said the new system would be installed over the weekend and that it would eliminate some of the problems end users are currently experiencing.

FAMU College of Law

Jennifer Smith Attorney from the FAMU School of Law gave a report on the progress of the school and its relocation to a permanent building.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred D. Fennal, Secretary

Opening Remarks

Mary B. Diallo

January 17, 2006

I. Presidential Search Committee

The Presidential Search Committee is moving forward. The first Focus Group session was held in January at the FAMU National Alumni Association's Regional Meeting. The Alumni Affairs Office is preparing a report of that session for the Presidential Search Committee.

The Focus Group Committee is asking the Faculty Senate to conduct a focus group session. Dr. Donald Palm has agreed to chair that session. The question now is whether the session should be conducted during a special called meeting or during a regular Faculty Senate meeting.

II. Dean's Council Report

SACS Update

- The deadline for submitting transcripts was December 5, 2005
- Distance Learning – Any online course must be approved and noted in the Schedule of Classes.

National Survey of Student Engagement

- The FAMU response was poor because the survey requires students to use the FAMU e-mail system, and too many students do not have FAMU e-mail accounts. However, according to Dr. Kenneth Perry, the new FAMU e-mail system will allow students to activate accounts online.

International Travel Requests

- Dr. Austin stated that faculty submitting international travel requests should make the justification very clear in explaining how the University will benefit from the travel and demonstrate that it is a good investment of FAMU's resources.

Degree Programs

- FAMU needs to take a hard look at all degree programs: Some issues that need to be considered are:
 - What is the enrollment or projected enrollment?
 - What are the graduation rates?
 - Are these programs meeting any designated needs, especially on the state level?

The Provost believes that we need more conversations about degree programs.

III. Advisory Council of Faculty Senates – Friday, January 13, 2006

- The following information was distributed:
 - 2006-2007 Legislative Budget Request Information
 - The Board of Governors Proposed Substantive Agenda for the 2006 Legislative Session

Copies of these documents were sent to Senators.

- **ACFS Constitutional Changes**
 - The ACFS approved the following changes:
 - ◆ 5.1.5.2 After serving as the Chair, the Chair shall become the Past Chair.
 - ◆ 5.1.5.3 The Past Chair shall normally keep minutes of the BOG meetings for the ACFS and perform such other duties as directed by the members.
 - ◆ 5.1.5.4 The Past Chair shall attend both the ACFS and the BOG meetings with the Chair and Chair-Elect to provide continuity for policy issues related to the ACFS.

IV. Freeman-Asia: Undergraduate Awards for Study in Asia

These are need-based awards. Successful candidates would be able to travel and study in:

- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Laos
- Mongolia
- Taiwan
- China
- Japan
- Philippines
- Hong Kong
- Korea
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- Vietnam

For more information, please visit the Freeman-Asia website: (www.iie.org/Freeman-ASIA)