

Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2006
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 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. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian

Senators (Present)

Dr. Joseph Johnson	Dr. Patrick Johnson
Dr. Narayan Persaud	Dr. Elizabeth Dobson
Dr. Adeline Evans	Dr. Delores Lawson
Dr. Beulah Hemmingway	Dr. Peter Kalu
Dr. Jane Barber	Dr. Yvonne McIntosh
Dr. Bidhan Saha	Dr. Eric Kalu
Mr. Emmett Denny	Dr. Robin Kennedy
Dr. Maurice Holder	Dr. Michael Abrams
Ms. Lisa McClelland	Dr. Anna Green
Dr. Jennifer Cherrier	Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Donald Palm	Dr. Hudson Nwakanma
Prof. Thomas Pugh	Dr. Velma Roberts
Dr. Keith Tucker	Dr. William Tucker
Dr. Renee Wallace	Dr. Charles Ervin
Dr. Arthur Washington	Dr. Elijah Johnson

Ex-Officio (Voting) (Present)

Dr. Dorothy Henderson

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud
Dr. Mildred Fennal
Attorney Jennifer Smith
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes

I. Call to Order

Dr. Mary B. Diallo, President of the Faculty Senate called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was not approved because a quorum was not present.

III. Provost and Vice President Debra Austin

Since there was not a quorum, the President Diallo presented the Provost to give attendants information about the university.

Dr. Debra Austin, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the following to inform the assembly:

- a. The University requested 3.5 million for academic enhancement to be used for additional faculty in courses with high enrollment, high failure rate, and others.
- b. The dean's searches are progressing. The Hollis Group sent to her a list of candidates for three of the colleges or schools. The Faculty Senate representatives had been sent to her, and her office had selected Chairs of the search committees:

Dr. Larry Henderson	-	SBI
Dr. Gita Pitter	-	Nursing
Dr. Keith Jackson	-	Pharmacy
Dr. Vincent June	-	Education
Attorney Elizabeth McBride	-	Law

- c. The new organization the College of Arts & Sciences is progressing. The names of the representatives from Dr. William Tucker and Dr. Mary Diallo had been received. The Committee is approaching the dialogue on the matter.
- d. Questions have been asked about why suggest the reorganization in the midst of the University Self Study. Her response if that SACS does not speak to organization, except that the organization should be published.
- e. The new organizational structure will affect the budget, space, and time. The University will now have thirteen (13) colleges and schools.
- f. The SACS visitors, who came to the University, recently noted that the University Library was wonderful. The area of concern are faculty credentials, institutional effectiveness and assessment.
- g. The faculty evaluation is not conducted across the University.
- h. The University requested transcripts from faculty last September, December and January, yet a few faculty have not sent them to the Provost's office. The process of evaluating faculty credential is taking some time, yet those whose credentials have been received and who are _____, the requisite courses have been notified.

- i. The Academic Policy Recommendation Committee has eight (8) recommendations to promote excellence.
- j. The summer enrollment is up, with 300 more students enrolled this summer than last summer.
- k. The recruiting system includes the establishing of a call system to those who were admitted or who have unfinished applications. Orientation this summer will include twelve (12) orientation sessions, sessions with parents and a separate date for transfer students. Furthermore, the names of the students who applied will be sent to the appropriate deans of the college or schools.

The following questions were asked:

From Dr. Arthur Washington, College of Arts & Sciences: Could the incoming students declare their majors earlier? A number of Universities are eliminating the General Education as a college or school.

From Dr. William Tucker, UFFAMU past President: It seems as if the dialogues of the new organization would take place during the summer. Many faculty do not work full time during the summer. The group members discussing reorganization are twelve months.

From Dr. Jennifer Cheerier, Environmental School Institute: I understand that faculty must have x number of hours to teach at the University. What other credentials can be used for credit hours. Has the Assignment of Responsibility form been changed? Is it coordinated with the Annual Evaluation form?

From Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku, College of Pharmacy: Will graduate courses that students need be offered during the summer?

Answer: Dr. Austin said she would look into the matter.

From Dr. Donald Palm, College of Pharmacy: The new Assignment of Responsibility form includes the number of students in class. How will this affect the Assignment of Responsibility for faculty?

Answer: The additional information will assist in completing records for the State.

From Dr. Joseph Johnson, College of Arts and Sciences: There are missed opportunities to track students who are interested in a particular major. Could the list of students admitted to the University be widely distributed? They have missed opportunities to recruit graduate students. The process must be organized and begun at a timely manner in the Fall.

From Dr. Maurice Holder, College of Pharmacy: Faculty has been told that the form has changed. Does the form come before the Faculty Senate before it is implemented? Furthermore, he explained that he was told that 50 students were necessary for a class to stand.

Information given was that 15 students were needed for lower level and 12 for upper level courses.

From Dr. Michael Abrams, School of Journalism: Could the University consider a recruiting budget for the Graduate School? Now they have to go to the individual deans for recruiting money.

On the AOR (Assignment of Responsibility), will more credit be given for committee work or chairs of these committees?

Answer: We are updating the manual on the AOR (Assignment of Responsibility).

President Diallo thanked the Provost for coming to the meeting.

President Diallo said that she would check on the new form for the Assignment of Responsibility.

President Diallo announced the General Faculty meeting on April 24, at 3:00 p.m., in the new Pharmacy Auditorium. She also announced the name of the faculty who received the Fulbright grant.

IV. New Business

President Diallo presented Dr. Barbara Thompson, the new elected president of the FAMUFF.

Dr. Thompson presented Dr. William Tucker, the out going president of the FAMUFF. She provided the following on the statues of bargaining:

- a. The bargaining team consists of Dr. William Tucker, Dr. Elizabeth Davenport, Ms. _____, and Mrs. Susan Paramore.
- b. Bargaining began March 23, 2004. The last session, seven (7) articles remained, on employee performance, days of lay off _____, job evaluation, wages and benefits.
- c. Bargaining will resume April 13, 2006. It is a critical time for FAMU to discuss shared governance as the goals for the 21st Century, or the tone for shared governance.
- d. She asked the assembly to join the Union, as the _____ will give more credence to Faculty who are 50% plus/in union membership.

From Dr. Johnson: What is the membership now?

Answer: 30% membership, and 226 members in April. The one percent of the annual salary is tax-deductible.

Is summer included for dues?

Answer: Yes

President Diallo thanked Dr. Thompson for coming. She announced that the Faculty Senate Retreat is May 2, 2006, 8:30 a.m. in the Teleconference Center.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned without a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Adeline Evans and Mrs. Rebecca Bruce