

Faculty Senate Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 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. Mildred Fennal, Secretary

Senators (Present)

Mrs. Ernestine Holmes	Dr. Bidhan Saha
Dr. Charles Ervin	Dr. Joseph Johnson
Dr. Adeline Evans	Dr. Beulah Hemmingway
Lt. Col. Kelvin Scott	Dr. Patricia Stampe
Dr. Charles Weatherford	Dr. Robin Kennedy
Dr. Maurice Holder	Professor Beth Lewis
Ms. Lisa McClelland	Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud
Dr. Rufus Ellis	Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Merlin Langley	Dr. Angela Thornton
Professor Thomas Pugh	Dr. Velma Roberts
Dr. Keith Tucker	Dr. William Tucker
Dr. Arthur Washington	Dr. Charles Wright
Ms. Linda Williams	Dr. LaRae Donnellan
Dr. Barbara Barnes	Dr. Jane Barber
Dr. Trinetia Respress	Dr. Emmett Denny
Dr. Alfredo Lorenzo	Dr. Eric Kalu
Dr. Matthew Powers	Dr. Roscoe Hightower
Dr. Delores Lawson	Dr. Frederick Essien

Ex-Officio (Voting) (Present)

Dr. Dorothy Henderson

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Dreamal Worthen	Dr. Patrick Johnson
Dr. James Muchovej	Dr. Franklin Hamilton
Attorney Jennifer Smith	Dr. Henry Lewis III
Dr. Peter Kalu	

I. Call to Order:

The President called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

II. Opening Remarks:

Dr. Diallo reported on the Board of Trustees meeting, which was held on December 7, 2006.

KPMG

- The Board of Trustees (BOT) extended KPMG's contract. However, the potential audit issues for the current fiscal year are similar to those of the past year.

SACS Update

- Dr. Debra Austin gave an update on the April 2006 SACS visit. The University will receive a response to its report this week. Dr. Austin said that the "University put together a strong packet." The Board Chair, Challis Lowe, asked Dr. Austin to send an e-mail to all Board members to inform them of the SACS decision.
- Dr. Vivian Hobbs gave a report on the 2008 SACS Reaffirmation. She distributed a list of SACS committees. Although Dr. Diallo is listed as a member of the SACS Leadership, she noted that she had never been invited to a meeting. Dr. Castell Bryant stated that the SAC Leadership Team has never met.

Strategic Enrollment, Management, and Recruitment Plan.

- Dr. Vincent June discussed the development and implementation of the Strategic Enrollment, Management, and Recruitment Plan. A copy of the plan was distributed to Senators.

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

- The theme of the QEP is "Enhancing Performance Through Critical Thinking."

The Hay Group Report.

- The Hay Group Report restructures positions and salaries for A&P and USPS employees. Dr. Diallo told the BOT that this report has caused concern among faculty.

III. Approval of the Agenda:

A motion to add plagiarism and faculty training for students with disabilities to the agenda was approved. It was moved and properly seconded that a straw poll vote regarding the presidential search be added to the agenda. The motion was amended to add the straw poll vote and to move the discussion of the presidential finalists to the top of the agenda. The motion passed. The Agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of the minutes:

It was moved and properly seconded that the minutes of October 11, 2006 be approved.

V. Presidential Search Update

Dr. Diallo reported that the Board of Trustees Search Committee selected six semi-finalists (listed below) on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 and that she had e-mailed the candidates' resumes to all Senators.

James Ammons, Ph.D.
Lawrence Davenport, Ed.D.
Howard Johnson, Ph.D.
Larry Palmer, Ed.D.
Patricia Ramsey, Ph.D.
Thelma Thompson, Ph.D.

The Senate reviewed the resumes of the six presidential candidates. After a lengthy discussion, Senators agreed to provide Dr. Diallo with additional questions for the candidates' upcoming interviews. Dr. Diallo asked Senators to tell her what three candidates they would like see on the list of finalists. A straw poll vote was not taken during the meeting, but Senators agreed to respond to the poll.

V. Committee Report

Faculty Senate Green Campus Committee-Senator LaRae Donnellan -

Dr. LaRae M. Donnellan reported that the FAMU Green Campus Committee chairs are: LaRae Donnellan (Co-Chair), Journalism; Beth Lewis (Co-Chair), Architecture. She announced that the group would meet January 8, 2007, to formulate goals and develop strategies. At present, the Committee plans to develop a mission, meet with the Provost, partnership with other organizations, and implement educational and recycling projects. Upon completion, the Committee will share its goals, objectives, and strategies with the Faculty Senate.

VI. Unfinished Business:

- A. Sponsored Research Policy Update-**Dr. Diallo reported that the BOT removed the Research Policy from the consent agenda and that Dr. Keith Jackson had agreed to meet with her and other Senators to discuss the document.
- B. UFF Negotiations-**Dr. Bill Tucker reported that the administration is going back to the bargaining table. It was moved and properly seconded that the Faculty Senate present a resolution and a plaque to Dr. William Tucker for his outstanding dedication and accomplishments as a Faculty Senator and a UFF Representative. Dr. William Tucker retires in January 2007.
- C. FAMU/FSU SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING-** In a response to the Capital Outlook's (December 7-13, 2006) questions concerning the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering, Drs. T.K. Wetherell and Castell Bryant confirmed the continued existence of the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering. According to the Capital Outlook, there have been no changes in the current partnership between the two institutions.

VII. New Business:

- A. Plagiarism-** More and more faculty members are complaining about plagiarism. Although the policy regarding plagiarism is in the FANG, it appears that the issue is the enforcement of the policy.
- B. Faculty Training for Students with Disabilities –** Senators discussed the need to provide training for faculty members who teach students with learning disabilities. They asked Dr. Diallo to invite the director of the Learning Development Evaluation Center to a Faculty Senate meeting.

VIII. Announcements

Dr. Rufus Ellis reported that the College of Education met the requirements of Standard Eight (assessment) of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher's Education

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by Dr. Mildred Fennal