

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20, 2007  
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  
Dr. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian

**Senators (Present)**

Mrs. Ernestine Holmes	Dr. Bidhan Saha
Attorney Jennifer Smith	Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Adeline Evans	Lt. Col. Kelvin Scott
Dr. Patricia Stampe	Dr. Velma Roberts
Dr. Robin Kennedy	Dr. Deidre Powell
Ms. Lisa McClelland	Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud
Dr. Rufus Ellis	Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Merlin Langley	Dr. Angela Thornton
Prof. Thomas Pugh	Dr. Patrick Johnson
Ms. Della Daniels	Dr. William Tucker
Dr. Charles Wright	Mr. Emma Denny
Dr. LaRae Donnellan	Dr. Barbara Barnes
Dr. Trinetia Respress	Dr. Alfredo Lorenzo
Dr. Lekan Latinwo	Dr. Matthew Powers
Dr. Roscoe Hightower	Dr. Delores Lawson

**Ex-Officio (Voting) (Present)**

Dr. Lauren Sapp

**Senators (Excused)**

Dr. Dreamal Worthen	Dr. Charles Ervin
Dr. Keith Tucker	Dr. Jane Barber
Dr. Donald Palm	Dr. Henry Lewis III
Professor Beth Lewis	Ms. Linda Williams
Dr. Beulah Hemmingway	

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mary B. Diallo at 3:40 PM.

II. **Opening Remarks:**

**Presidential Search-**The Board of Trustees selected Dr. James Ammons as the next president of Florida A&M University. Trustee and Vice Chair William Jennings is representing the Board in contract negotiations with Dr. Ammons. The ratification of the selection of Dr. James Ammons as the tenth president of FAMU, as well as a contract offer should take place during the March 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting.

**Faculty Senate Election of Officers-**The Senate will select its officers next month. Dr. Diallo urged anyone who plans to run for office to declare his or her candidacy now because senators need ample time to evaluate each candidate.

Next month, each school, college, or institution should schedule an election of faculty senators. The Faculty Senate office has already sent a memo to all deans to remind them of this.

**Teacher/Advisor of the Year and Advanced Teacher of the Year-**The deadline for submitting applications was Friday, February 16. The Office of Academic Affairs received thirteen applications.

**Fulbright U.S. Student Program-**Please encourage students to consider applying for a Fulbright grant. Grants are available for graduate study, research, and teaching assistantships in more than 100 countries. Graduating seniors and graduate students are eligible to apply. More information is available at [www.fulbrightonline.org](http://www.fulbrightonline.org) or the Faculty Senate office, 305 Tucker Hall.

**Fulbright Scholar Program/Fulbright Senior Specialists Program-**These grants provide opportunities for U.S. faculty and professionals to teach or conduct research abroad. More information is available at [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org) or the Faculty Senate office, 305 Tucker Hall.

III. **Approval of the Agenda:** In preparation for approval of the Agenda, the following items were eliminated: "Committee on Committees Report and Fiscal Affairs. The Senate approved adding the following items to the agenda: UFF negotiations update and the Pappas Report. The Pappas Report was added under new business. It was moved and properly seconded that the Agenda be accepted with changes.

IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** It was moved and properly seconded that the January minutes be approved with necessary corrections.

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **A. Athletic Committee:**

Attorney Ravenell reported on the NCAA Division 1 self-study of the Athletic Department. The Self-Study Committee includes President Castell Bryant, Dr. Keith Jackson, along with twenty-five faculty and staff members. The self-study will conclude May 2007. A team appointed by the NCAA will come to campus to evaluate the study for certification. Attorney Ravenell requested that the Senate recommend three more members to the Athletic Committee.

### **B. Curriculum Committee:**

Dr. Maurice Edington presented documentation of the courses approved by the Curriculum Committee. It was moved and properly seconded that the Curriculum Committee report be accepted. Dr. Charles Wright questioned the process of submitting a course/requests for minor changes to a course description. He asked the Faculty Senate to consider reviewing the process. Dr. Maurice Edington said that a sub-committee has been formed to address new course requests and that it would recommend deadlines for requests.

### **C. Green Campus Committee:**

The Faculty Senate Green Campus Committee is now a member of the FAMU Green Coalition. Dr. LaRae Donnellan reported that the film, An Inconvenient Truth, would be shown in the School of Journalism & Graphic Communication at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, and that the Coalition would distribute free compact fluorescent light bulbs, donated by the City of Tallahassee, on Sunday, March 11. A report was also given on additional events that the Coalition will offer. The group will also start a recycling program.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. UFF Collective Bargaining Update**

Dr. Barbara Thompson, UFF President, presented information on ratification of the contract. The contract was ratified by the faculty and will go before the Board of Trustees on March 8, 2007. The new contract will expire in 2009.

### **B. College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Accreditation Update**

Dr. Holder reported that College of Pharmacy is correcting the deficiencies noted by the accreditation team. The team will revisit FAMU in January 2008. The College of Pharmacy cannot do anything about the space and the hiring of faculty.

Dr. Wright suggested that factual information about the accreditation report should be made public. Dr. Holder stated that a corrected communication would be published.

### **C. Law School Accreditation Update**

Attorney Jennifer Smith gave a report on the recent site visit of the American Bar Association Accreditation team. After a lengthy discussion, the Senate asked Attorney Smith to draft a summary report and present it to Dr. Diallo.

### **VI. New Business**

#### **Pappas Report**

The Senate approved the following motion: **The Faculty Senate opposes the recommendation for FAMU in the Pappas Report.**

### **VII. Announcements**

Dr. Walter Smith has been hired to work with Dr. Bryant in preparation for the presidential transition.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
Mildred D. Fennal  
Faculty Senate Secretary.