

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 15, 2013  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Lee Hall Auditorium  
Dr. Narayan Persaud, Presiding

**Officers (Present)**

Dr. Narayan Persaud, President  
Dr. Dreamal Worthen  
Dr. Joe Ann Houston  
Dr. James Muchovej

**Senators (Present)**

Dr. Mary Diallo  
Mrs. Marcia Duncan  
Ms. Edith Carnley  
Dr. David Jackson  
Dr. Huberta Jackson-Lowman  
Dr. Merlin Langley  
Dr. Deidre Evans  
Dr. Desmond Stephens  
Dr. Lavetta Henderson  
Dr. Rufus Ellis  
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport  
Dr. Lambert Kanga  
Dr. Violetka Colova  
Dr. Ann Marie Cavazos  
Dr. Nise Nekheba  
Dr. Maurice Holder  
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku  
Dr. Perry Brown  
Dr. Angela Thornton  
Ms. Raquista Claitt  
Dr. Carl Moore  
Dr. Primus Mtenga  
Prof. Kandy Woods  
Dr. Aurelia Alexander  
Dr. Ronald B. Lumpkin  
Dr. Chao Li  
Dr. Roscoe Hightower  
Dr. Aretha Hill  
Prof. Andrew Skerritt  
Dr. Bettye Grable  
Dr. Sevilla Bronson  
Dr. Elijah Johnson

**Senators (Absent)**

Dr. Kyle Eidahl  
Dr. Gervin Robertson  
Mr. Sylvester Peck Sr.  
Dr. Olivier Chamel  
Dr. Hudson Nwakanma  
Dr. DeEdgra Williams  
Dr. Uloma Onubogu  
Dr. Marcia Owens  
Dr. Na’Imah Ford  
Dr. Jermaine Robertson  
Dr. Lewis Johnson  
Dr. Lekan Latinwo  
Dr. Ngozi Ugochukwu

**Library(Present)**

Ms. Jeneice W. Smith  
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes

**Ex-Officio (Voting) (Absent)**

Dr. Donald Palm  
Dr. Ruth Swan

**SGA (Voting) (Absent)**

Mr. Evan Bailey

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

Dr. Larry Robinson  
Mr. Rodner Wright  
Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud

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The meeting was opened at 3:15 by Senate President, Senator Narayan Persaud. He announced the 2013 Homecoming and Reclamation of the Past.

It was motioned and seconded the agenda be adopted. The motion passed. It was then motioned and seconded the September minutes be approved. The motion carried.

President/Senator Persaud introduced the Interim-Provost, Rodner Wright, who gave the following highlights:

1. The re-institution of reporting of mid-term grades now via Blackboard. He announced these grades must be done by October 25.
2. International Education Week. Currently, the search for the Vice President of International Education is in progress.

Following this information, the House was opened for questions from Senators.

- Senator Grabble wanted to know how the University funds over-loads. Mr. Wright explained.
- Senator Diallo, who is the Faculty Advisor for Golden Key International Honor Society, explained that the FAMU Chapter has been suspended for a year because she and the co-advisor have refused to sign the letter of sponsorship. She shared a letter from Vice President Hudson and comments from the President. Mr. Wright promised to look at the document and to see if there is a way to alter the language.
- Senator Holder inquired whether FAMU is experiencing financial problems or the problems related to budget dealing with state funding. Mr. Wright indicated he could not provide an answer; however, there was nothing catastrophic as far as he knew. He does manage the budget within Academic Affairs
- Senator Persaud asked if there is a policy that defines what constitutes an overload. Mr. Wright discussed the start dates of overloads.
- Senator Holder wanted to know if there is a management system for overloads. He also asked about the SACS visit. Mr. Wright responded it was a rigorous review. The final report will be released at the December SACS Meeting.

It was announced that President/Senator Persaud will be meeting with the Interim-Provost once a month to resolve some of these faculty issues.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Senator/Vice President H. Dreamel Worthen then held the election of committee members. It was motioned and seconded that people currently serving on committees will continue to serve, and only vacancies will be filled. The motion carried.

- It was motioned and seconded to Senator Sevilla Bronson (**Nursing**) be added to the Steering Committee. The motion carried.
- It was motioned and seconded to add the following senators to the Committee on Committees: Senator Uloma Onubogu (**Nursing**); Senator Merlin Langley (**Social**

**Sciences, Arts and Humanities**); Senator Deidre Evans (**Science and Technology**); Senator Lavetta Henderson (**Education**); and Senator Ebenezer Oriaku (**Pharmacy**). The motion passed.

Senator/Vice President Worthen said the list will be cleaned up and emailed.

President/Senator Persaud presented Interim-President, Larry Robinson., who gave the following highlights/information.

1. Student Loans – President Robinson discussed the satisfactory academic progress (**SAP**) needed for students to continue to receive financial aid. He noted the University must bring in students who have the ability to reasonably succeed.
2. He discussed the 10-point matrix used by the Board of Governors.

President Robinson then answered questions from the Senators.

- Senator Davenport asked about faculty raises. She noted that if the University can plan for other things, it should plan for raises. Dr. Robinson responded that leading with faculty raises won't go anywhere. He said FAMU does have a plan to generate funds for faculty raises.
- Senator Lowman-Jackson also spoke on faculty raises. He talked about the racism perpetuated by the State and how FAMU is being penalized for the history of this institution.
- Senator Worthen mentioned that the University of Florida had received a \$1M Center. She said FAMU needs better lobbying.

It was motion, seconded that the Senate accept the 4 policies on Academic Honesty as proposed by the Board of Trustee. The motion carried.

#### ANOUNCEMENTS

- Senator Oriaku made an announcement.
- It was announced that revisions to the *Handbook* and Constitution will be finalized and sent out.

It was moved the Senate be adjourned. The motion passed without opposition. We adjourned at 4:55.

Submitted,

Joe A.Houston