

Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Lee Hall Auditorium
Dr. Bettye A. Grable, Presiding

Officers (Present)

Dr. Bettye Grable, President
Dr. Joe Ann Houston, Secretary
Dr. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian

Senators (Present)

Dr. William Guzman
Dr. Kyle Eidahl
Dr. Huberta Jackson-Lowman
Dr. Merlin Langley
Dr. Paulette Reneau
Dr. James Strohaber
Dr. Lekan Latinwo
Dr. Jesse Edwards
Dr. Lavetta Henderson
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport
Dr. Raymond Hix
Dr. Violetka Tsoleva
Dr. Margaret Gitau
Dr. John Cooperwood
Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Perry Brown
Dr. Angela Thornton
Dr. Carl Moore
Dr. Primus Mtenga
Dr. Dawn Brown-Cross
Dr. Aurelia Alexander
Dr. Clyde Ashley
Dr. Roscoe Hightower
Dr. David Guthrie
Dr. Elijah Johnson
Dr. Richard Gragg
Ms. Jeneice Smith
Mrs. Ernestine Holmes

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Desmond Stephens
Dr. Rufus Ellis
Dr. Ann Marie Cavazos
Dr. Nise Nekheba
Dr. Joseph Grant
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku

Senators (Absent)

Mrs. Marci Duncan
Dr. David Jackson
Dr. Na’Imah Ford
Dr. Jermaine Robertson
Dr. Keawin Sarjeant
Mr. Sylvester Peck
Ms. Raquista Claitt
Dr. Ronald Lumpkin
Dr. Chao Li
Dr. Olivier Chamel
Dr. Aretha Hill
Dr. Robert Richardson
Dr. Sevilla Bronson

EX-Officio (Voting) (Present)

Dr. Donald Palm
Mrs. Faye Watkins

SGA (Voting) (Absent)

Mr. Ronnie Mackey, II

The meeting was opened at 3:05 by President/Senator Grable. She announced the senators from the Law School were delayed because of a traffic jam and would not be attending. President/Senator Grable then provided opening remarks and announcements.

- ❖ She announced the Steering Committee requested Dr. Palm return and discuss the awarding of the “D” grade. He will also address the plus/minus grade that was approved by the Senate.
- ❖ President/Senator Grable announced she would have to leave for a closed session of the BOT about litigation.
- ❖ She reported she’d made a decision to move the Faculty Senate Office to Lee Hall following an invitation by the President. The office should be moved within two weeks. This move will bring the Faculty Senate into close proximity to the president and provost.
- ❖ The March 17 meeting will be the election of officers. She urged all senators to be present.
- ❖ On January 20, 2015, the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates met. President/Senator Grable provided a copy of a resolution passed by this body opposing concealed weapons or firearms on state university campuses or facilities. The BOG and police offices on university campuses all support this resolution. President/Senator Grable will bring this issue to the Steering Committee, so we can draft a resolution if desired.
- ❖ Finally, she discussed offering services to veterans.

At 3:15, the parliamentarian announced a quorum was present.

Announcements

President/Senator Gable then asked for announcements from senators. The following announcements were made.

1. Senator Jackson-Lowman announced the Annual Imhotep Research Conference. She asked senators to encourage students to submit papers.
2. Senator Gragg announced the School of Environmental Science is sponsoring a summit on March 26 – March 28. For additional information, senators were asked to contact him.
3. Senator Holder announced his concern about people being granted tenure upon appointment. He pointed out tenure and promotion are moving from the control of the faculty.
4. Senator Jackson-Lowman then read a personal statement about the Florida State Department of Education’s standards.
5. Senator Ashley announced that Cheryl Harris, Senior Vice President at Allstate will be the guest speaker at the SBI forum on Thursday, February 19 at 12:30. He invited senators to come.

It was motioned and seconded the January 20 minutes be approved. There was an omission: Dr. Gragg’s name should be listed as a senator. There were no other corrections. The minutes were approved.

It was then moved and seconded the agenda be adopted. The motion passed.

Continuing Business

Mr. Michael James discussed the proposed Email Policy. He told the Senate this policy will not be advanced to the BOT without the approval of the Senate. Mr. James then answered questions. There was a plethora of questions, and a lengthy discussion followed. When no consensus could be reached, President/Senator Grable suggested the policy be returned to the committee. Senator Latinwo suggested we get volunteers to work with Mr. James to resolve all concerns. Senators Perry Brown, Clyde Ashley, David Guthrie, Elizabeth Davenport and Merlin Langley volunteered.

Dr. Neil James gave the report of the Curriculum Committee. His report was divided into three parts: course change requests; minors and general education. It was motioned and seconded that each section of this report be approved. Each motion carried. The reports were accepted.

There was a request that summer employment be an item on the next meeting's agenda.

The Senate adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Joe A. Houston
Recorder