

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Lee Hall Auditorium

Officers (Present)

Dr. Bettye Grable, President
Atty. Ann Cavazos, Vice President
Dr. Tiffany Ardley, Secretary
Dr. David Guthrie, Parliamentarian

Senators (Present)

Dr. Terrell Brown
Dr. Lillie Brown
Dr. Jeneen Surrency
Dr. Kyle Eidahl
Dr. Novell Tani
Dr. Longineu Parsons
Dr. Reginald Ellis
Dr. Darius Young
Dr. Merlin Langley
Atty. Kenya Washington
Dr. Michael Thornton
Dr. Daniel Osborne
Dr. Lekan Latinwo
Dr. Desmond Stephens
Dr. Katie Brodhead
Dr. Lavetta Henderson
Dr. Hassiem Kambui
Dr. David White
Dr. James Muchovej
Dr. Muhammad Haseeb
Dr. Aavudai Swamy
Atty. Phyllis Taite
Dr. Maurice Holder
Dr. Torhonda Lee
Dr. John Cooperwood
Dr. Rajiv Dalal
Dr. Tracy Thomas
Dr. Doreen Kobelo
Prof. Oliver Chamel
Prof. Enn Ots
Dr. Hudson Nwakanma

Dr. Roscoe Hightower
Dr. Aretha Hill
Dr. Kelley Bailey
Prof. Francine Huff
Dr. Sevilla Bronson
Dr. Naquita Manning
Dr. Ashvini Chauhan
Dr. Michael Martinez-Colon
Mr. Brian Crowell
Ms. Karen Southwell

Senators (Absent)

Dr. Ezzeldin Aly
Mrs. Sheila Barnes-Williams
Dr. Vivian Wilson
Dr. Yassir Abdelrazig

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Satyanarayan Dev

EX-OFFICIO (Voting) (Present)

Dr. Carl Goodman
Dr. David Jackson, Jr.

EX-OFFICIO (Voting) (Absent)

Dr. Robert Taylor
Mr. Bryan Smith

SGA (Voting) (Absent)

Ms. Robyn Seniors

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM by Senate President Dr. Bettye Grable

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Grable stated the following:

*The Faculty Senate has been requested to recommend the date for the President Robinson's State of the University address. April would be best. For the day and time, the senate can offer them during this meeting, by email or by a call to Miss Joyce Harris.

Parliamentarian Dr. David Guthrie announced at 3:18 that there was a quorum.

Approval of the March 12, 2019 Meeting Agenda:

Dr. Grable asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Lekan Latinwo (College of Science & Technology) motioned to approve and it was seconded by Dr. David Jackson (Graduate Studies). The motion carried with voice vote with no opposition.

Approval of the February 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Dr. Grable asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19th meeting. Dr. David White (College of Education) motioned to approve and it was seconded by Dr. Aavudai Swamy (College of Agriculture and Food Science). The motion carried with voice vote with no opposition.

Announcements:

*Dr. Grable stated that there is a BOG meeting flyer in the Senator's packets. The flyer referenced that the FAMU faculty were invited to breakfast with the Board of Governors on March 28th at 8:00 AM, to share thoughts and concerns as SUS faculty members. The breakfast will be held in the President's dining room. Vice Chair Gov Kitson is looking forward to hearing from faculty.

University Administration Remarks:

Provost Maurice Edington stated the following:

*Acknowledged Deans for being in attendance. The number of Deans attending is growing.

*Last week was the ground breaking for a 700 bed dorm with state of the art dining and parking. It supports student success initiatives.

*Governmental affairs and alumni worked very hard to get the legislation passed to get FAMU its funding.

*The last BOT meeting was very productive.

Committee Reports:**Curriculum Committee Report:**

Dr. Kyle Eidahl (College of Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities) presented two documents in the Senator's packets. The first was the justification for the revised B.S. in Agricultural Sciences, Animal Science Industry Major curriculum; the justification for the revised B.S. in Agricultural Sciences, Animal Science Pre-Veterinary Major curriculum; The Program modification for the pre-law minor and the two year Master of Architecture program modification.

The second was the March 2019 report of the curriculum committee that contains eleven new course requests, five course changes, four course terminations, four online requests and four program modifications. There were two course change requests from the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences, two course requests from the College of Law, one course change request from the College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities-Department of History and Political Science. Seventeen course change requests from the School of Architecture and Engineering Technology – Construction, Three course change requests from the School of Journalism and Graphic

Communication and three course change requests from the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering – Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Dr. Daniel Osborne (College of Science & Technology) moved to approve the recommendations. Dr. David White (College of Education) seconded. The motion passed by voice vote with no opposition.

Dr. Eidahl stated that the first Wednesday in April will be the last meeting for this year and encouraged that if there are any curriculum changes they be sent no later than the Monday prior.

Executive Council:

Dr. Maurice Holder (COPPS) stated the following:

*The revised version of the workload study from August, is in Senator's packets.

*The completion schedule for the memorial for fallen Rattlers should be presented by the next meeting.

*There is a concern about salaries. It is not a function of the Senate but there are concerns that the workload survey shows and Dr. Edington is aware of those concerns.

*When we accept students with a high GPA out of high school it does not necessarily transition in to performance and their behavior seems to fall. We need to pay attention to methods, counseling and teaching to handle some of these issues and it can be difficult to handle when you have a large number of students.

*The best teachers should be in the Freshman year to alleviate issues in the sophomore year.

*He is writing an article on accountability and transparency.

*Reminded senators that they serve as advisors to the president. Concerns are taken to the president and follow decisions to completion.

Dr. Lekan Latinwo (College of Science and Technology) stated the following:

*There is a sabbatical leave concern that the time used is short for meaningful research. It is requested for a full academic year for full support because it takes longer than one semester.

*Staff in Sponsored Research is there to assist faculty with grants and going over proposals.

Dr. Grable stated that if there are any corrections to the Senate attendance data share that with Ms. Harris.

Professor Emeritus:

Dr. Grable stated that there is a correction to the agenda in that under continuing business, item C should be Honorary Doctorate not Professor Emeritus. The recommendation from the Faculty Senate Honorary Doctorate committee is that Bakari Burnes receive the Doctorate of Humane Letters (DHL). Atty Phyllis Taite (College of Law) asked if there was any other documentation besides the article that was provided in Senator's packets. Dr. Merlin Langley (College of Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities) stated that he believes that the nomination, letter of recommendation and bio were all that was received by the committee. Dr. Grable stated that what was provided to Senators is what was presented to the committee. Dr. Hudson Nwakanma (SBI) recommended to the committee that educational background be added to the nomination. Dr. Grable asked for it to be stated as a motion. Dr. Nwakanma made a motion to add educational background to the nomination, it was seconded by Dr. John Cooperwood (COPPS). The motion passed by voice vote with no opposition. Dr. Holder stated that we are an institution of greatness and we need to think carefully. He stated that the what the senate gives as a recommendation should be one based on solid evidence. Prof. Francine Huff asked if the committee received a CV or resume. Dr. Langley stated that it had been a while since he has seen the complete packet but the recommendation was based on the criteria that is in place. He suggested to the senate to review the criteria and make recommendations to change it and the vote. Prof. Huff stated that it would be helpful if when packets are prepared at least require a CV and that the article that was presented is not a complete article.

Dr. Grable called for the vote. The motion to accept the recommendation of Bakari Burnes for the Doctorate of Humane Letters failed.

New Business:

FAMU PD presented an active shooter video and stated that it will be posted on the website if anyone wishes to see it again.

Dr. Carl Goodman (Associate Provost) presented two documents (copies in Senator packets). The first one was between FAMU and Ross University School of Medicine and the second one was an Affiliation Agreement between LECOM school of Dental Medicine and Florida A&M University. These agreements will help too increase the number of minorities in the health sciences. With ROSS, two students are guaranteed admission. Any FAMU student eligible will have their first semester's tuition waived. With LECOM, five students are guaranteed admission to their dental school if they meet the requirements. Encouraged faculty to recommend students for these programs.

Workload Study Update – Dr. Lewis Johnson and Mrs Beverly Barrington provided an updated study to senators in their packets. They discussed what the revised document entails. Dr. Maurice Holder stated that the committee needs to look at it again. Dr. Grable stated that the committee needs more time to gather all information for the study. The report will be labeled as revised and sent back to the BOT. Mrs. Barrington agreed that that request did come from the BOT. Dr. Grable stated that AORs were used to better understand faculty workload.

Faculty Senate President Election – There were two nominations: Dr. James Muchovej and Atty. Ann Cavazos. Both gave short campaign speeches and ballots were cast. Dr. Ann Cavazos was elected as President.

Faculty Senate Vice President Election – There were two nominations: Dr. Tiffany Ardley and Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku. Dr. Roscoe Hightower stated that according to Senate policies, one must be present at elections to be nominated and voted on. Dr. Guthrie agreed and stated that due to that policy, Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku was not eligible to be nominated because he was absent. Dr. Tiffany Ardley was therefore elected as Vice President.

Faculty Senate Secretary Election – Dr. Tracy A. Thomas was nominated and elected as Faculty Senate Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tiffany W. Ardley, Ph.D.
Faculty Senate Secretary