

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 19, 2013
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Lee Hall Auditorium
Dr. Narayan Persaud, Presiding

Officers (Present)

Dr. Narayan Persaud, President
Dr. Joe Ann Houston, Secretary
Dr. James Muchovej, Parliamentarian

Senators (Present)

Dr. Ernestine Holmes
Dr. Mary Diallo
Dr. Charles Magee
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport
Prof. Kandy Woods
Dr. Ngozi Ugochukwu
Dr. Carl Moore
Prof. Andrew Skerritt
Dr. Hudson Nwakanma
Dr. Elijah Johnson
Dr. Marcia Owens
Ms. Edith Carnley
Dr. DeEdgra Williams
Mrs. Marci Duncan
Dr. Lewis Johnson
Dr. Nazarius Lamango

Dr. Lekan Latinwo
Dr. Narayan Persaud
Dr. Roscoe Hightower
Prof. Beth Lewis
Dr. Aurelia Alexander
Dr. Rufus Ellis
Dr. Chao Li
Ms. Jeneice Smith
Dr. Bettye Grable
Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku
Dr. Joe Ann Houston
Dr. David Jackson
Dr. Angela Thornton
Dr. Na’imah Ford
Dr. Desmond Stephens
Dr. Angela Murphy

Senators (Absent)

Lt. Diana Hess
Dr. Deidre Evans
Dr. Peter Kalu
Dr. Gervin Robertson
Dr. Ronald B. Lumpkin

Dr. Endya Stewart
Dr. Uloma Onubogu
Dr. Lambert Kanga
Dr. Renee Reams

Ex-Officio (Voting) (Present)

Dr. Ruth Swan
Dr. Donald Palm

Senators (Excused)

Dr. Huberta Jackson-Lowman
Dr. Frances Stallworth
Mrs. Brenda Bryant
Dr. Lavetta Henderson
Dr. Ann Marie Cavazos
Dr. Pat Broussard
Dr. Dreamal Worthen

SGA (Voting) (Present)

Mr. Michael Jefferson

The Faculty Senate of Florida A&M University was convened at 3:20 by President/Senator Narayan Persaud after it was ascertained by the parliamentarian that a quorum of senators was present.

In response to a question from Dr. Maurice Holder about the status of the university presidential search, President/Senator Persaud explained his public comment calling for the resignation of the chair of the Board of Trustees. President/Senator Persaud said he felt it was his responsibility as the representative of the faculty to have been included in any discussion about suspending the search. Despite claims that this same situation had happened at the University of Florida, President Persaud said this was not the same situation.

Moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved and seconded that the minutes from the February Faculty Senate Meeting be adopted. The motion passed. There was one correction.

Senator Muchovej then came to hold the election of officers. After a question from Dr. Maurice Holder and a response from Senator Muchevoj, the house was opened for the nominations for president. It was moved by Senator Davenport that Senator Persaud be president. The nomination closed on the one name. Senator Persaud was declared president. Senator Grabble nominated Senator Dreamal Worthen for vice president. There were no other nominations. The nomination closed. Senator Worthen was elected vice president. Senator Worthen nominated Senator Joe Ann Houston for secretary. The nomination closed. Senator Houston was declared secretary.

Senator Muchevoj announced the newly-elected officers of the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Narayan Persaud, President
Dr. Dreamal Worthen, Vice President
Dr. Joe Ann Houston, Secretary

Interim President Larry Robinson then gave administrative remarks and legislative updates.

After the up-dates and other information, the Senate floor was then opened for questions.

- ❖ Senator Latinwo asked about how much money is saved by the shorter summer sessions. President Robinson responded the number of classes was reduced because of limited resources.

- ❖ Senator Davenport asked about possible faculty raises if the \$19.8M is restored. Dr. Robinson said it was not new money. The only new money will be in the performance-based budget and tuition differential.

- ❖ Senator Diallo asked about the requirements for being a club advisor. She gave a detailed status report on activities involving the Golden Key International Honor Society and the organization's current status. President Robinson promised to investigate the matter.
- ❖ Senator Donald Palm asked what would be the impact if a university were labeled the "premier" university. Dr. Robinson said it would create a tier system.

It was announced that Trustee Badger has agreed to meet with the faculty next Wednesday, March 27. The time and place will be announced. Some discussion followed about the halting of the presidential search. A question was raised about the revision of the University's Constitution.

President/Senator Persaud then presented Interim Vice President, Mr. Rodner Wright, who brought the following information.

1. Accreditation
 - A. The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs [ACBSP] had visited the School of Business, and a report is forthcoming.
 - B. The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education [ACPE] has visited the College of Pharmacy and Pharmetical Sciences and was very complimentary.
2. The time lapse between spring and Summer Semesters is to bring FAMU's schedule in-line with Tallahassee Community College.
3. Band Director's Search – Another set of nine (9) applicants have applied and is being reviewed.
4. Fallen Rattler – Mr. Wright announced the accidental death of Sabrina Thomas during Spring Break. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 23.
5. Law School – Mr. Wright announced progress in being made at the Law School.

Continuing Business

Senator Neil James presented the report of the Curriculum Committee. It was motioned and seconded that all new courses as approved by the committee be approved. The motion carried. It was motioned and seconded that the new programs as approved by the committee be approved. The motion carried.

Interim Vice President Kinfe Redda announced a Round-Table presentation for all P.I's. He also congratulated the faculty for research that is being conducted.

It was motioned and seconded that the Senate adjourn. The motion carried.

Submitted,

Dr. Joe A. Houston
Recorder