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FACULTY ASSEMBLY/SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 4th, 2014, 3:00 pm
Hannah Hall, Room 111

Senator Members Chair & Vice Chair

Dr. Rasoul Saneifard (Chair) College of Science and Technology
Dr. Vera Hawkins (Vice Chair) School of Communication

Senate Members Present

Akpaffiong, Macaulay	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Anadu Ndefo, Uche	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Bloom, Collette M.	Senator, College of Education
Cavil, J. Kenyatta	Senator Secretary, College of Education
Chilakamari, Kiran	Senator, The Graduate School
Georges-Abeyie, Daniel	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Hill, Cassandra	Senator, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Holmes, Roderick	Senator, College of Science & Technology
Mosley, Erma Dianne	Senator, College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Sciences
Ojode, Lucy	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Perkins,	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Sleem, Aladdin	Senator, College of Science & Technology
Solitare, Laura	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Tymczak, Christopher J.	Senator, College of Science & Technology
Saha-Gupta, Nina	Senator Editor Faculty Speaks, College of Education
Sen, Lalita	Senator Treasurer, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Woldie, Mammo	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Yousefipour, Zivar	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Science
Zeitler, Michael	Senator, College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Science
Zidaru, Lucian	Senator, College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Sciences

Senate General Council Present

Carrington, McKen TM School of Law - (Faculty Senate General Council)

Senate Members/Colleges Absent

Owens, Emiel Senator Parliamentarian, College of Education

Senate Members/Not Present (Alternative Representative)

Broussard, Shanna College of Education

Guest from Faculty Assembly or University

James Burks – Barnes & Nobles Representative
Dean Saunders

Call to Order

C = Comments, R = Response, and Q = Question



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Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard called the December 2014 meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:07pm on Thursday, December 4, 2014.

Approval of the 6 of November 2014 Senate Meeting Minute

The minutes from November 6, 2014 meeting in 2014 were reviewed. A motion was made by Senator Christopher Tymczak and seconded by Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie as subject of any modification sent by emails to Senator Secretary Kenyatta Cavil

Announcement

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Opening comments with gratitude to all Faculty Senate members, particularly Charlene and Vice Chair Vera Hawkins on the Faculty Senate Holiday Celebration held on Wednesday, December 3rd from 11:00am - 2:00pm in the Sterling Student Center. Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard also informed the faculty senate of Senator Parliamentarian Emiel Owens' call and notification of absence due to Health issues.

R: Senate Vice Chair Vera Hawkins: Accounted that she had received communication from faculty asking about whether Dr. Ohia would be honored for his service to the Faculty as Provost. Senate Vice Chair Vera Hawkins made a recommendation to honor Dr. Ohia for his service as Provost and his collaboration with the Faculty Senate, as well as Dr. Carrington for extraordinary service to the Faculty Senate and Assembly.

R: Following discussion, Senators unanimously agreed and approved that this is a good idea and it should be moved forward to honor said individuals for their service.

Guest Dean Saunders: Introduced Barnes & Noble representative per the request of President Rudley to inform the Faculty Senate of Barnes & Noble platforms and book request for the spring semester.

Guest Barnes & Noble Representative James Burks: Provided a video on the Barnes & Noble College Internet site: Faculty Enlight.

Q: Senate Vice Chair Vera Hawkins: Are you able to provide financial assistance back to the university and faculty or student friendly programs?

Q: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Stated the lady that is responsible for ordering books has been a pleasure to work with. Do students earn access to the system?

Guest Barnes & Noble Representative James Burks: No.

Q: Senator Christopher Tymczak: Do you have any digital book options?

Guest Barnes & Noble Representative James Burks: About 25% of the books in Barnes & Nobles are available as digital books.

Q: Uche Anadu Ndefo: Does this mean that we cannot use the current process?



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Guest Barnes & Noble Representative James Burks: Absolutely not.

C: Senate Vice Chair Vera Hawkins: Stated this is direct marketing.

C: Senator Mammo Woldie: Stated that this was used this past semester in his academic unit.

C: Senate Erma Mosley: Delivered a report from the COLAB Assembly.

- 1) Assembly wants to know what has been done regarding the vote of non-confidence against Dr. Taylor.
 - a. Copy of the letter of reprimand requested.
 - b. Senate need to confirm action taken regarding this matter

C: Several Senators: Discussed whether a letter was sent from President Rudley to Dean Taylor.

C: Senator Erma Mosley: Asked to verify whether the Provost Ward sent a letter of reprimand to Dean Taylor.

C: Senator Aladdin Sleem: Moved that Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard request to receive a copy of the letter.

Motion Died from a lack of a second

C: Senator Erma Mosley: Continued with the report from the COLAB Assembly.

- 2) Emphasis of college administration not focused on core. Resources not being used to support core curriculum, graduation and retention.
- 3) Workload Policy Approval by Faculty not conducted.
- 4) Administration and Faculty need training on the Faculty Manual. Perhaps Senate can conduct training or Human Resources.
- 5) Revitalization on the faculty speak
 - a. Pay for Editor by Amendment to Faculty Manual
 - b. Established a Faculty Editorial Board with Representatives from all Colleges

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated it is extremely important that when we bring questions that we focus on the key issue(s) for the original request for their attendance. Request for nomination for Scientific Misconduct Policy Committee. Dr. Bobbi Wilson, Dr. James Douglass, Dr. Edith Wu, and Dr. Enigbokon were recommended by fellow Faculty Assembly members.

C: Senator Mammo Woldie: Stated we should send an email to the Faculty Assembly seeking nomination and allow Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard as designated by the faculty manual to make the final decision.

Committee Reports

N/A

Old Business



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C: Senator Laura Solitare: Stated that the faculty member is not ready to move forward with this concern at this time.

C: Senator Aladdin Sleem: On behalf of a faculty member as the following the question. What is the nomination process and dates for Faculty Senate and University Committees Elections?

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: The Faculty Manual states that election is held on odd years and is an open process.

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Stated a concern on resolving the plagiarism issue SPA and a second issue is a concern with raises and policies associated with merit and equity of raises.

C: Several Senators: Raised additional issues with administrators' salaries (i.e. 9-month salary versus 12-month salary).

New Business

C: Senator Erma Mosley: Suggested we seek input from the Faculty Assembly with goals to move the platform from proactive instead of reactive.

Adjourn Meeting

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Asked for the motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator Senator Mammo Woldie moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Senator Lalita Sen.

Meeting Adjourned 5:07pm