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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 1, 2018
3:00 PM
Hannah Hall, Room 111

Presiding Senator

Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil

Chair, College of Education

Senate Members Present

Abobo, Cyril	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Bell, Edward	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Brailey, Carla	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Griesinger, Nancy	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Handy, Carlos	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Ibitayo, Olurominiyi	Senator Treasurer, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Kazakos, Demetrios	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Loudd, Grace	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Lowe, Jeffrey	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Nwagwu, Emmanuel	Senator, College of Education
Ojode, Lucy	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Perez-Feliciano, Luis	Faculty Speaks Editor, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Regis, Humphrey	Senator, School of Communication
Reynolds, Lacey	Senator, College of Education
Thoreson, Claire	Senator, The Graduate School
Woldie, Mammo	Senator Parliamentarian, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Wu, Edieth	Vice Chair, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Yousefipour, Zivar	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Senate Members / Colleges Not in Attendance

Brown-Burton, Rockell	Senator, School of Communication
Lancaster, Iris	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Maldonado, Edward (SpearIt)	Senator, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Saneifard, Rasoul	Senator Secretary, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Tai, Chu-Sheng	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business

Senate Counsel in Attendance

Walker, April	Faculty Senate General Counsel, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
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Guest(s) from Faculty Assembly or University

Handy, Maribel	Instructor, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Nayer, Gautam	Associate Professor, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Willis, Nicole	Assistant Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences



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Call to Order

Senate Chair J. Kenyatta Cavil called the March 2018 monthly meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:09 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

Approval of the February 2018 Senate Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 1, 2018 meeting were reviewed and Faculty Senate Chair J. Kenyatta Cavil called for a motion to approve the minutes. Senator Jeffrey Lowe added that two professors, Dr. David Baker and Dr. Howard Henderson attended the meeting as university guests. Additionally, he mentioned that the provost stated that he would bring TLEC back to campus. Senator Mammo Woldie motioned to accept the minutes. Senator Lacey Reynolds seconded the minutes to include the suggested modifications. The motion carried unanimously with no opposing votes.

Status Reports from the Faculty Senate

University Committees Update: Submitted an updated report to the Senate for its review and/or suggestions. Faculty Senate Chair Cavil added that all committees, except the Faculty Hearing, Faculty Advisory and University Library committees have assigned committee chairs. The Hearing and Advisory remaining committees are commissioned by the president and the provost, therefore, once the committee is selected the election of a committee chair is made at that time. The University Library committee, he announced that he is working through a question in terms of that committee in regards to the librarian and working through that transaction now. Finally, he shared that he will begin requesting committee reports in the future.

Announcements from the Chair

Senate Chair J. Kenyatta Cavil: Provided an update on the Technological Infrastructure, which is essentially wiring upgrades that will occur over the next few years, the cost involved and new initiatives regarding technology. He provided updates on the votes to approve policies and/or changes to Emeritus Status Policy, Workload Policy, Proposed Administration/Summer Schedule and Commencement Ceremonies.

Senate Chair J. Kenyatta Cavil: Provided an overview of the Development of the Faculty Lecture Series raised by Dr. Renard Thomas during the Spring Faculty Assembly meeting. Senate Chair Cavil announced that the University Research committee is currently meeting and are in discussions regarding research mapping and development of a lecture series. Additionally, Senator Jeffrey Lowe discussed objectives on research of a lecture series and initiatives related to research activities on campus. He confirmed that Dr. Karen Kossie was elected chair of the University Research committee.

Senate Chair J. Kenyatta Cavil: Announced that Honors Day Convocation is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 2018. He reminded faculty to dress in academic regalia.



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Senate Chair J. Kenyatta Cavil: Provide an attendance report of faculty senate absences, which is the official report for this academic year 2017-2018. He reminded Senators of the of two consecutive absences rule. He referred to the statute in the Faculty Manual, Section I, Part II, Article IV.C. that addresses absences.

Guests
None.

Old Business

Several Senators discussed their concerns regarding the tabled discussions for selecting a temporary secretary

Several Senators: Continued discussions regarding this matter and review of the membership and vacancies policies in the Faculty Manual: Section I, Part I, Article II and Article IX. Senator Lowe reminded the Senate of his suggested that Senators come prepared to recommend someone to serve as temporary secretary. Vice Chair Edieth Wu motioned Senator Perez-Feliciano to serve as temporary secretary. Senator Mammo Woldie seconded this suggested. General Counsel April Walker confirmed that the rules do not state that a person cannot serve dual roles. Senator Carla Brailey motioned to express her interest in the temporary secretary position. Discussions entailed topics such as, the secretary's role, pay, tenure, and whether administrators (interim) can serve both as a faculty senator and an administrator, and selecting a temporary secretary. Ultimately, the Senate decided to vote via hand-written ballots to select either one of the two candidates: Senator Brailey of College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences and Senator Perez-Feliciano of Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs. Ultimately, the majority of the Senate cast 11 votes in favor of Senator Carla Brailey as the temporary secretary. On the contrary, Senator Perez-Feliciano received 4 votes, respectfully.

Senate Chair J. Kenyatta Cavil: During the Spring Faculty Assembly meeting, Dr. Carlton Perkins is looking into a Tobacco-free campus. Senators asked questions and briefly discussed this topic for feedback.

Senate Chair J. Kenyatta Cavil: Stated that Senator Rockell Brown Burton raised the topic of limitations of teaching 50-minute classes, since Senator Brown Burton is absent, this topic is deferred to next Faculty Senate meeting.

New Business

Senate Chair J. Kenyatta Cavil: Announced that the Dr. Michael Gary of Division of Student Services requested faculty representatives to serve on the Judicial Affairs Committee in the Office of Judicial Affairs. Volunteers to serve on this committee include Senator Claire Thoreson of Graduate School, Senator Lucy Ojode of the School of Business, Senator Grace Loudd of College of Liberal Arts and



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Behavioral Sciences, and Senator Carlos Handy of College of Science, Engineering and Technology. The Senate unanimously voted Senator Lucy Ojode and primary representative and Senator Grace Loudd as alternate representative.

Senators discussed their concerns regarding lack of code of conduct for faculty and administrative Officials

Senator Olurominiyi Ibitayo: Raised the issue of why a code of conduct does not exist for faculty and administrative officials. Faculty Senate Chair Cavil suggested that a recommendation can be made during the review of the Faculty Manual. Senator Emmanuel Nwagwu suggested a development of a code of conduct for the Faculty Senate.

Several Senators discussed the matter regarding the request for an investigation from the SOPA Dean Search Committee members and Chair Dr. Anita Kalunta-Crumpton

Senate Chair J. Kenyatta Cavil: Provided an overview of the case regarding the activities of the School of Public Affairs dean search committee leading up to the request by four of the five committee members' submission to have an investigation concerning this matter. Senate Chair Cavil explained that the reason for this discussion is to come to a consensus for a recommendation from our body to move forward with a formal request to the Provost for an investigation. Senator Lowe shared that the provost indicated that there were improprieties that occurred during the search process without informing the committee. Prior to moving forward, he stated that the committee is requested that they are informed of the improprieties that occurred. Senator Brailey cautioned the Senate on calling for an investigation. Senators discussed how they should address the issues involved. Three Senators who were also members that served on the search committee expressed their discontent regarding the provost's actions, communication and handling of this matter. Vice Chair Wu asserted her support for an investigation if the Senate desires to move forward in that direction. Due to time allotted for the Faculty Senate Meeting and at the request of several senators due to graduate night courses, Senate Chair Cavil tabled the topic until the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting

Senator Carlos Handy: Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Mammo Woldie seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Mrs. La Shanta Gill-May, Program Coordinator of the Faculty Senate