Executive Committee Minutes of the Faculty Senate- Savannah State University

Monday, October 17, 2011 4 PM Business Building

Present: Dowling, Metts, McClain, Dolo, O’Brien

1. Call to Order- the meeting was called to order by Dr. Dowling at 4:05 PM.
2. Dr. Dowling will contact Dr. Dozier and Dr. Sarhan about attending the next Executive Committee meeting and will inform Dr. Dozier of actions taken by the Senate at the last meeting. These matters include: an examination of administrative cost and costs spent on instruction, the request to move the Registrar back to Faculty Affairs, the salary study, the makeup of the Committee on Committees and New Programs and Curriculum Committee, and the passing of the Handbook.
3. We received positive feedback about the first Senate meeting, especially for restricting it to one hour.
4. Committee on Committees- Dr. Stewart is the chair. Dr. Yoon and Dr. Tessema are also members of the COC. Dr. Metts will e-mail Professor Waren and Professor Harris-Murphy about being the other members of this committee.
5. Dr. Metts has received many enthusiastic responses from many faculty about serving on Senate Committees.
6. Dr. Alemayehu, Professor Smith, Professor Johnson, and Dr. Chambers will need to be replaced on the Faculty Senate.
7. We will have a moment of silence at the beginning of the next Senate meeting to commemorate the passing of Dr. Chambers.
8. The NPCC consists of the chair of each college’s NPCC and a faculty member from each college recommended by the Dean.
9. Dr. Metts will ask Dr. Reddick for a list of the members of last year’s committees
10. Student evaluations of professors will not occur this semester unless they are done online. There will be an online vote by Senators by this Friday or next Monday.
11. There have been major changes to health insurance. The Board of Regents has done away with two plans most faculty were using. The BOR is trying to lead faculty into a medical expense-account type of policy. Deductibles have gone up to $1,500.The Executive Committee will request Dr. Sarhan to call a full faculty meeting to discuss changes to health insurance. Ms. Fletcher will be asked to speak about the changes.

Faculty should also be informed about the fringe benefits we receive from Verizon and Sears.

1. Founder’s Day is Friday, Nov. 18 at 10 AM. And not Nov. 21 as on the academic calendar. Dr. Metts will give greetings from the Faculty Senate in place of Dr. Dowling.
2. Dr. Dowling will convene the Faculty Affairs Committee for a meeting in a few days.
3. Dr. Dowling will ask the President for approval to have the Library elect one Senator.
4. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin O’Brien- Corresponding Secretary