**Executive Committee of the Savannah State University Faculty Senate**

Minutes for the meeting of Tuesday, April 22, 2014 4:00 p.m.

President Conference Room—Hill Hall

Present: Ouandlous, Silberg, Bell, Warren, Holmes

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ouandlous at 4:25 p.m.
2. Minutes of the March 25, 2014 were approved, with corrections.
3. The committee considered correspondence and potential agenda items for the April 29, 2014 Senate Faculty meeting.
   1. There was extensive discussion regarding approaches to consideration of changes to summer compensation. All agreed that USG’s flat 9% of the instructor’s base pay involved equity issues that were divisive. Different approaches were explored to increase the compensation, including application of a percentage to the existing flat rate compensation and re-engaging the committee mechanism used before to recommended the pay level. Dr. Verret was included via a phone call to ascertain the status efforts since the February, 2014 Faculty Senate meeting. He explained the matter will be discussed with the president and Mr. Jolley. It was agreed to wait for a report of this meeting before deciding additional Senate action.
   2. The Committee discussed the status of Senate action to change the timing of payment for overload pay. Given the last two reports from the administration, the status of implementation and next steps was unclear. Dr. Holmes was requested to have the provost include the matter as an update component. It was agreed to add as an agenda item.
   3. Dr. Holmes requested to report on the Student Success Collaboration platform. It is a tool that assists with student advising and interfaces with the Banner system. It was agreed to it add as an agenda item.
   4. Faculty Development Committee requested to present a report on the Distinguished Faculty Award. The committee directed a request of the text be provided regarding any action the Senate will be requested to consider.
   5. Dr. Holmes requested to provide an update of the Academic Calendar. The Committee agreed to add the item to the agenda.
   6. It was agreed to include Committee reports on the agenda.
   7. Officer elections are required to be on the agenda of the last meeting of the year.
4. The Committee discussed the matter of an on-site child care facility. The benefits and challenges of such an undertaking were considered. The potential value to students with children was highlighted. After considerable discussion the Committee requested Dr. Holmes to have the value of conducting a feasibility study carried out by Student Affairs and report back to the Senate.
5. The Committee agreed that certificates for Senate service are awarded for attendance at 80% of Faculty Senate meetings. Further, it was decided that the certificates will be sent to qualifying Senators, rather than distributed at the meeting.
6. The Committee considered allowing alternate Senators representation. This would allow elected Senators to designate another to attend and vote on their behalf. The matter will be discussed at a future Senate meeting.
7. The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of the prior Faculty Senate meeting and requested changes.
8. The year-end Senate reception was discussed. It is set to be held after the Senate meeting of April 29. Dr. Holmes agreed to work with Auxiliary Services to secure the location and menu as it had not been resolved to-date. In addition, another email will be sent to the Senate to secure an accurate count of expected attendance.
9. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Bell- Recording Secretary