Savannah State University Faculty Senate

Minutes for meeting of Tuesday, November 27, 2012 4:00 PM Whiting Hall Jen Auditorium

Senators Present: Bentley, Brooks, Faries, Kawasha, Metts, O’Brien, Rukmana, Silberg, St. Mark, Jordan, Reddick, Wyche, Brown, Dowling, Jahmani, Dolo, Sivapatham, Li, Cox, Adeyemo, Tessema, Taylor, Warren, Harris-Murphy, Verret

Senators Absent: Franklin, Stewart, Walker, Arora, Ouandlous, Yoon, Sajwan, Johnson

Senators Excused: Maynor

Visitors : McMillan, McCormack, Myers, Schroeder, Jolley, Yount, Brannen, Lambright, Clark, Naniyuzeyi, Berry

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice-Chair Dr. Dowling at 4:10 PM.
2. Approval of Agenda- The Election of the Vice-Chair was moved after the President’s Report. The agenda was then approved.
3. Approval of Minutes-The minutes of the November 6, 2012 meeting were approved without changes.
4. President’s Report
5. Dr. Dozier thanked all faculty for participating in the 122nd Founders Day and expressed thanks to Rear Admiral Metts.
6. We have 217 students scheduled to graduate next Saturday pending their grades this semester.
7. The ABET Accreditation visit was held this week (November 25-27). Savannah State University’s Electronics Engineering Technology and Civil Engineering Technology degree programs are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology (ABET). There were no findings that would stand in the way of reaccreditation
8. At the November Board of Regents meeting, the BOR approved the purchase of the Italian Club for the Marine Science building. This temporary space for Marine Science will allow for a larger wet lab. Vice President Jolley will do an update at the January meeting on the impact of the new outcome-based funding.
9. There are currently 726 applications for Spring Semester, 2013. We are trying to bring in at least 300 students in January, 2013. There are currently 163 students who have been accepted, including 102 first-year students and 61 transfers.
10. The Annual Fund Campaign has raised over $30,000 from staff and faculty.
11. The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on the steps of Hill Hall at 5:00 PM on November 28.
12. Dr. Houston Davis, Senior Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, will visit SSU on November 29. We want him to see the academic side of the campus. He will visit 5 or 6 academic buildings. There will be Faculty Senate representatives at the lunch with Dr. Davis. Please read the Complete College Georgia plan. We may raise concerns with Dr. Davis regarding having to graduate more students when many of our students come to SSU underprepared. This is a great concern especially because there will be outcome-based funding (funding based on how many students graduate).
13. Chancellor Huckaby’s Economic Development Forum will be on December 3.
14. The Annual Faculty and Staff Holiday reception will be on December 5 in the King Frazier Ballroom.
15. Dr. Steve Wrigley, University System Executive Vice-Chancellor, will visit SSU on December 6.
16. The Fall Commencement will be on December 8 in the Tiger Arena at 10:00 AM. We have a Commencement Committee and will have to see where commencement will be in the Spring. We may have to go to the stadium or have two separate commencements.
17. Election of Vice Chair 1. Dr. Dolo was elected by the Senate as Vice-Chair, replacing Dr. Dowling. Dr. Dolo was sworn in as Vice-Chair by Dr. Dozier.

2. There will be an election at the January, 2013 Senate meeting to replace Dr. Dolo as Logistics Officer.

3. Dr. Numan Siranjan will be sworn-in at the January Senate meeting to replace Dr. Dowling as a Senator.

VI- NPCC Curriculum Proposals- The following curriculum proposals were approved by the Senate.

COBA

1. Free electives- program change- COBA is proposing that we remove the restriction that the free elective must be taken outside of COBA.
2. ECON 3145- Global Business Issues- course change- COBA is seeking to change the subject area of this course from ECON to BUSA.
3. STAB 4101 Study Abroad-program change- COBA would like to add STAB 4101 Study Abroad to the option area in area G for all majors in COBA. This change will add flexibility for our students and also potentially increase overall involvement with the study abroad program.
4. Accounting concentration/ track- program change
5. Management concentration/track- program change

CLASS 1. Sixteen communications courses were all approved online by the Senate on November 16, 2012.

2. ENGL 4700- Senior Seminar- course change- There is a prerequisite change for ENGL 4700. Students will be required to take ENGL 2104 and 2105- Advanced Composition and Literary Criticism.

3. MUSC 1455, 1456, 2455, 3455, 4455, 4456-Jazz Ensemble- course change- All ensembles will be one credit courses. The Jazz Ensemble course will change from a three credit course to a one credit course. All the other music ensembles are one credit courses. The addition of new numbers for multiple semesters of ensemble participation addresses the new financial aid restrictions on repetition of same course numbers.

4. POLS 3905, 3906, 3907- Internship- new course- The purpose is to adopt multiple numbers so that a student can complete more than one internship during the course of study.

5. POLS 4000, 4001, 4002- Special Topics- new course- The purpose is to adopt multiple numbers such that instructors can teach more than one Special Topics course and students can register as well for more than one Special Topics course.

6. HSEM 4601, 4602, 4603- Special Topics- new course- Change the course number for HSEM Special Topics from one number, HSEM 4601, to a sequence of potential numbers.

7. HSEM- Introduction to HSEM- course change- Change the number of HSEM 1101 Introduction to Homeland Security and Emergency Management to HSEM 2101 to accurately indicate the level of the course and allow the course to count as general elective credit for some other curricula.

8. HSEM 3610- Critical Infrastructure Protection- new course

9. Minor in Urban Studies and Planning- new program

10. GEOG 3302- Geographic Information System and Spatial Analysis- new course

SOCI 4102- The Sociology of Health and Disparities- new course

COST

1. Chemistry curriculum changes- program change- For the Chemistry degree program, 7 courses were deleted, course codes were changed for 10 courses, and 4 new courses added. Linear Algebra was also added to the curriculum. If a student fails a deleted course, the student must take the new course which replaces the deleted course. The revised curriculum will give our students more choices of elective courses. The number of elective hours will increase from 7 to 12 hours for the ACS certified BS degree and from 7 to 15 for the BS degree.
2. Biology electives- program change- There is a change in the language of the catalog for electives in the Biology program. The Biology program requests a change in the elective language to read, “Biology elective options (approved Science or Math courses at the 3000 level or higher) should be elected in consultation with the academic advisor.”
3. MATH 4301- Survey of Partial Differential Equations- new course
4. Mechanical Engineering Technology prospectus- new program

COBA/CLASS/COST

1. Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies prospectus- new program

A Masters of Science in Mathematics prospectus was proposed but withdrawn because of the concerns of offering a Masters degree in a field where there is no department. COST may be reconfigured to make Math a department. We currently have Masters programs in Urban Planning and Marine Science although neither is a department.

VII-International Students Programs & Services Committee

1. Strategies were discussed to increase the number of international students at SSU.
2. The possibility of an ESL program was discussed. Are there resources from Liberal Arts? We may already have qualified ESL instructors.
3. There seem to be few services offered to international students. There are not any weekend excursions. There should be a weekend shuttle to go to the mall or downtown.
4. Student Affairs should send a delegate to the meetings of this committee.
5. Alumni should be contacted to do excursions with international students.
6. Dr.Naniuzeyi commented that some professors have hosted international students.
7. In the Fall of 2013, we have 25 students coming from Brazil.
8. We do have the TIGER Ambassador Program which could link students up with international students to show them how to ride downtown on the bus.
9. Mr. Jolley said that international students can take the bus downtown with their student bus pass.
10. Dr. Faries provided a sheet for faculty to volunteer to host international students for a meal or excursion.

VIII- Announcements 1. Dr. Jordan announced that Ms. Townsend, the Athletics Compliance Officer, is having problems with faculty unwilling to sign travel excuses for athletes. Dr. Myers said that the report comes out 3 or 4 days before students are supposed to travel but there is no follow-up to prove that the student actually went on the activity. Notification should be sent certifying that students did participate in the activity for which they were excused.

1. Dr. Berry announced that the Social Work Program was recognized for reaccreditation.
2. There will be HIV testing in the Student Union in Room C tomorrow conducted by the local health department.
3. Mr. Jolley announced that there is a Budget Committee meeting on Friday at 9:30. Faculty Senate representatives should attend.
4. Dr. Margaret Robinson’s husband passed away last week.
5. Dr. Verret announced a general faculty meeting for Thursday, Nov. 29 at 4:00 PM. Faculty advising is one of the issues which will be discussed.
6. The Midnight Breakfast for students will be held on Monday, Dec. 3 from 9-12 PM.
7. Political Science received a $2,000 grant for an Urban Planning Conference in 2013.

IX- Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin O’Brien- Recording Secretary