**Savannah State University Faculty Senate (SSUFS) Semi-Annual Report**

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**SSUFS Executive Committee Report**

As the legislative body of SSU the Faculty Senate is charged with the responsibility to ‘advise the President and make rules and regulations for all areas under its purview as prescribed by in Board of Regents’ Policy 3.2.4.’ We are delighted to report that the first half of the 2012 – 2013 academic year has been one of moderate accomplishments and challenges. The professionalism, unity of purpose, and strong wok ethnic of every senator for the cause of the one SSU motto (as set forth and defined by our energetic President) is generating excitement in every committee and the faculty senate in general. Over the past few months, the senate experienced few resignations from talented and gifted members of the legislative body due to matters beyond their controls and we are grateful to the individuals who replaced them. To follow in no particular order, we are very grateful for the hard work and effort of the following individuals for helping to make the first half of the academic year a success.

1. Senator Katherine Stewart (chair of Committee on Committees) worked tirelessly to staff all standing and non-standing committees with qualified senators and faculty. As a result of the outstanding work of her committee, all standing committees are now operational and about 95% of non-standing committees are operational as well. Here is a list of all committees and their chairs:
2. New Programs and Curriculum Committee: Senator Verret
3. Status: Fully Operational
4. Annual Report Due Date: April, 2013
5. Faculty Development Committee: Senator Brown
6. Status: Fully Operational
7. Annual Report Due Date: February, 2013
8. International students, programs, and Service Committee: Senator Faries
9. Status: Fully Operational
10. Annual Report Due Date: February, 2013
11. Handbook Committee: Senator Hoskins
12. Status: Fully Operational
13. Annual Report Due Date: April, 2013
14. Library and Educational Media Committee: Senator Bentley
15. Status: Fully Operational
16. Annual Report Due Date: February, 2013
17. Student Affairs Committee: Senator St. Mark
18. Status: Fully Operational
19. Annual Report Due Date: March, 2013
20. Distance Learning Committee: Senator Brooks
21. Status: Fully Operational
22. Annual Report Due Date: March, 2013
23. Committee on Committees: Senator Stewart
24. Status: Fully Operational
25. Annual Report Due Date: March, 2013
26. Academic Calendar Committee: Senator Metts (Acting Chair)
27. Status: Fully Operational
28. Annual Report Due Date: March, 2013
29. Admissions and Appeal Committee: (Classified)
30. Status: Partially operational
31. Annual Report Due Date: August, 2013
32. Faculty Affairs Committee: (Election of Chair pending)
33. Status: Fully Operational
34. Annual Report Due Date: April, 2013
35. Athletic Committee: (Pending)
36. Status: Not Operational
37. Annual Report Due Date: April, 2013
38. The President must be applauded for making her cabinet members available in providing necessary and requested information during senate hearings. It is import to note that the willingness of the President to demand the presence of her cabinet and leadership council at all Faculty Senate meetings is a clear indication of her support and commitment to the value and legality of the work of this legislative body. The various pieces of outstanding information provided by the President’s cabinet members (Faculty Health Care Plans: by Mr. Edward Jolley, Jr.; Faculty Salary Study-Part I: by Dr. Michael Crow; and Faculty Parking & Vital Budgetary Matters for faculty: by Mr. Edward Jolley, Jr.) in senate hearings will be useful to the senate committees in crafting proposals and legislations in the coming months.
39. The Vice President for Academic Affairs was also very involved and instrumental for the legislative success of the senate over the past few months. As chair of the NPCC he was able to produce over twenty-six new academic programs for votes in the senate. Here are the new programs approved by the senate in Fall 2012:
40. COMM 4815-The Documentary
41. COMM 2101-Writing for digital media
42. COMM 2105-Mass media and society
43. COMM 2107-Ndews writing and reporting
44. COMM 3105-multidedia publishing
45. COMM 3110-Introduction to video production
46. COMM 3302-Speech for multimedia
47. COMM 3303-Scriptwriting for multimedia
48. COMM 4101-Strategic writing public relations and advertising
49. COMM 4107-Advance video and post production
50. COMM 4170-Advance writing and reporting
51. COMM 4300-Global comparative media
52. COMM 4402-Strategic campaign principles
53. COMM 4406-Strategic campaign production
54. COMM 4705-Media ethics and the law
55. ECON 3145-Global business issues
56. STAB 4101-Study Abroad (COBA)
57. ENGL 4700-Senior seminar
58. MUSC 1455, 1456, 2455, 4455, 4456-Jazz Ensemble
59. POLS 3905, 3906, 3907-Internship
60. POLS 4000, 4001, 4002-Special topics
61. HSEM 4601, 4602, 4603-Special topics
62. HSEM 2101-Introduction to homeland security and emergency management
63. HSEM 3610-Critical infrastructure protection
64. GEOG 3302-Geographic information system and spatial analysis
65. SOCI 4102-The sociology of health and disparities
66. MATH 4301-Survey of partial differential equations
67. Mechanical Engineering Technology Prospectus
68. Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Prospectus

The past three semesters has been a period in which all major senate committees have become functional and all major senate hearings on major topics affecting faculty have occurred. There are on-going dialogue with the Faculty Affairs Committee to discuss issues and actions critical to salary equity and compression. Meeting the needs of SSU faculty is the bottom line for the Faculty Senate. We are optimistic that the Faculty Senate is now in a better position than before to pass meaningful legislations for the betterment of the institution, and to ensure that the President’s vision of ‘One SSU’ is realized. In essence, the executive committee looks forward to continuing to play a key role in the future growth and success of SSU Faculty Senate in the second half of the 2012 – 2013 academic year. The Executive Committee is confident that the following issues will be discharged from senate committees and will be brought up to the senate floor for passage on or before April 23, 2013:

1. The Adoption of Alternative Scheduling for the University: (currently pending in the Faculty Affairs Committee).
2. The Legality of Mandating Textbooks Requirement for Students: (currently pending in Student Affairs Committee).
3. Clarity on What Constitute Appropriate Faculty Workload: (currently pending in the Faculty Affairs Committee).
4. Salary Equity for SSU Faculty: (currently pending in the Faculty Affairs Committee).
5. Status on the Desire to Learn System: (Library & Educational Media Committee).
6. Status on the Number of Online Courses a Faculty Could Teach Per Semester: (currently pending in the Faculty Affairs Committee)
7. Final Decision on the Online Student Evaluation of Faculty: (currently pending in Student Affairs Committee and Faculty Affairs Committee)

Respectfully Submitted, SSUFS Executive Committee

1. Senator Metts: **Correspondence Secretary**
2. Senator Bentley: **Parliamentarian**
3. Senator O’Brien: **Recording Secretary**
4. Senator Dolo: **Vice Chair & Logistic Officer**