

Faculty Senate of Savannah State University Minutes for Tuesday, Nov.4, 2014  
4:00 p.m. Whiting Hall- Jen Auditorium

Senators present: Harris-Murphy, Warren, Ouandlous, Park, Savitskie, Wang, Jiayin Gavin Wu, Jun Wu, Deloach, Gardner-Martin, Iancu, Jordan, Kawasha, O'Brien, Silberg, Tedrick, Kai Walker, Teresa-Michelle Walker, Yount, Adeyemo, Andreou, Atena, Curran, Johnson, Wyche, Mosley, Lewis

Senators excused: David Bell, Kim

Senators absent: Alexander, Li, Olubajo

Ex-Officio present: Verret, Fayoyin, Gentry, Hardy, Jolley, Sarhan, David Smith, Walton

Visitors present: Berry, Winter Walker, Brannen, Cunningham, Piatkowski, Kalantari

I- Call to order- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ouandlous at 4:10 a.m. with a quorum present.

II- Approval of Agenda

1. Add a discussion of mix-ups in Banner and Paws under the Registrar's Update.
2. A motion was approved to end the meeting at 5:00 p.m. so that Senators could vote on Election Day.
3. The agenda was then approved.

III- Approval of minutes from the October meeting

1. Under V. iii, change the name of Dr. Gardener to Dr. Gardner-Martin.
2. The minutes were then approved.

IV- President's Report- See attached report. I have included the highlights here.

1. Dr. Dozier thanked all who made the launching of the Confucius Institute a success, especially Dr. Naniuzeyi, who planned this for several years. Dr. Peggy Blood is the director of the Confucius Institute.
2. Dr. Dozier stressed the importance of academic advisement. She thanked Dr. Gentry for the advisement of students for their core courses.
3. Congratulations to students who are on the Model United Nations team.
4. The President announced the death of Marine Science student Donald McKnight.
5. Open Enrollment for Health Care will be from Nov. 3-14.
6. Founders' Day will be on Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. in the Student Union. Dr. Felicia Bell will be the speaker.

V- Old Business- Updates on outstanding items

i: New Senator Orientation and Reception

1. Dr. Jordan stressed the need to orient new Senators and let them know the importance of the Senate and the need for the efficiency of committees.

2. The President suggested that the new Senator orientation could take place on Dec.2, which is the day of the Faculty and Staff Holiday Party hosted by the President. The President's dining room could be used prior to the party for the orientation.
3. A suggestion was made to also prepare a new senator video presentation. Dr. Jordan and Mr. Steffen will work on this.

ii: Handbook

1. Some revisions were approved by the Senate last year but have not yet been implemented in the Handbook. They should be sent to the President for her approval.
2. The usual procedure for handbook revisions is for the Senate to approve them. The Handbook Committee then sends the revisions to Dr. Dozier for her approval.

iii: Distinguished Professor

1. There was a question on what the award itself would consist of in terms of monetary compensation. This distinguished professor is determined by the Faculty Development Committee and is different from the Distinguished Professor determined by the Alumni. It was suggested that one of the titles be changed.

iv: Children's Facility

1. The issues related to have a child care facility on campus are liability, licensing, and training. The level of training for this is significant.
2. Approval from the USG takes many years. We have no space that meets requirements for child care. Child care is not in our capital plan for the next five to seven years.
3. Faculty and staff have different needs for child care.
4. Child care is different from baby-sitting services. Grants could be written to provide baby-sitting services. It could be possible to get a baby-sitting group discount with an outside agency. Non-traditional students could possibly have access to these services.

VI- Summer Pay

1. A committee needs to be formed to address this issue.
2. It is possible that we will not get a consensus on this issue.

VII- Update on Registrar

1. We have to reopen the search for a Registrar.
2. There are issues with problems in Banner and PAWS.
3. Some courses and programs which were passed by the NPCC and Senate have not been implemented in Banner.
4. A suggestion was made to hire a temporary person to just handle curriculum problems with Banner.
5. Faculty have been pressed to create an innovative curriculum but the courses have not been built into the system.
6. Dr. Verret will see about hiring an interim person to implement courses and programs into Banner. Dr. Jordan suggested that an in-house person could be used for this.
7. Senator Curran said that students can't get into capstone courses in Marine Sciences because prerequisites to these courses have not been changed.

VIII- Academic Calendar two years in advance- The calendar for the next academic year is being worked on and will be posted.

IX- Improving Research, Scholarship, and Teaching through advanced access to technology

1. Faculty expressed difficulty with access to technology in class, research, etc.
2. Dr. Dozier suggested that technology issues should be discussed with the CIO present. CIO Dr. Moore will be invited to the next Senate meeting. Please have technology issues ready for her at the next meeting.
3. Please send e-mails on the issue of technology problems to Prof. Silberg.

X- Service limits on committees- Faculty can serve on two Senate Committees but can be allowed to serve on more depending on need and interest.

XI- Committee Reports

1. Faculty Affairs- Dr. Jordan said that Faculty Affairs would have a report for the next Senate meeting.
2. Committee on Committees
  - A. There are 12 or 13 Senate Committees. Committees need to meet and submit committee reports. Please convene your committees and elect a Chair.
  - B. Membership of each Committee has been sent to Prof. Silberg and a convener for each Committee has been named.
  - C. Members of the Committee on Committees have been assigned to activate and oversee the work of the Committees.

XII- Announcements

1. The Marine Science department expressed sadness for the loss of Christian McKnight and would have liked official notice sent to all faculty as well as notification of the vigil for him.
  - A. Dr. Dozier said that the vigil was a student and band event and was not for the entire campus community
  - B. The President indicated that notice cannot be sent out to everyone about the death of a student until the family is notified. Official word also did not go out because there is an ongoing investigation. It is different from notification regarding the loved ones of faculty or staff who have passed away.
  - C. A minute of silence was observed in memory of Christian McKnight.
2. Dr. Verret announced that the General Faculty meeting scheduled for Nov. 18 will be moved to Nov. 20 at 4:00 p.m. Please send agenda items for that meeting to Dr. Verret or Dr. Hoskins.
3. A question was raised regarding SSU having a 24/7 facility for study after 11 p.m. The Vice President of Student Affairs (Dr. Walton) will be asked to look into this.

XII- Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin O'Brien- (substitute for Recording Secretary Dr. David Bell)

