Faculty Senate Meeting
February 20, 2003


Faculty Senate Vice-chair Chen Yunkai called the meeting to order at 2:20, Senate Chair Stanley Johnson away, Recording Secretary G. McConnell in attendance.

The Senate lacked a quorum, so the minutes of the previous meeting were not approved, and the agenda was not adopted.

The vice-chair introduced Vice-chancellor Perry Massey. Dr. Massey said the Handbook will go to the Board of Trustees for their March meeting.

Dr. Massey reminded the Senate that problems continue with regard to unauthorized orders from vendors, and he reminded faculty to be certain they are working through authorized channels in ordering and receiving items. Dr. Massey added that hotel reservations must be cleared through the university and that travel advances will no longer be forthcoming, and that corporate travel cards in the name of the individual will be available.

Dr. Dowdle asked why the Handbook was not presented to the Faculty Senate for final reading and approval. Dr. Massey said it has been voted on and that it needs to be presented to the Board of Trustees. Dowdle said he thinks the Senate needs to vote on it, if only for procedural purposes. Dr. Massey suggested that, when the Handbook is available on-line, it be examined for a vote at the Faculty Senate meeting on March 20.

Dr. Chen introduced Chancellor Willis McLeod. Dr. McLeod reiterated Dr. Massey’s reminder on orders and purchases and payments, and stressed the importance of his memo (February 20, 2002) on the subject.

Dr. McLeod asked faculty to help in every way to bring promising students to Fayetteville State University, and also to consider making a financial contribution on Community Commitment Day. He also encouraged faculty to keep up their work with groups committed to student activities.

Dr. Chen introduced Dr. Booker T. Anthony, who addressed the Faculty Senate on the subject of the status of part-time and non-tenure-track faculty, together with the recommendations of a state-system committee, whose report is available on-line. (The report is also on file with the archived copy of these minutes.)
Some of the recommendations include designing a staffing plan within institutional units. Dr. Anthony asked that a report come out of the appropriate committee of the Faculty Senate, perhaps the Faculty Welfare Committee. He said he hopes to have all unit reports by April 25, these to be incorporated into one report available for examination by the Senate Welfare Committee, on which Dr. Anthony will serve as ex officio member.

Dr. Anthony outlined some of the recommendations of the state committee:

- non-tenure-track faculty may be offered longer term contracts;
- definitions will established on appointments, assignments, teaching loads, position descriptions, and faculty titles;
- specific explanations of evaluation criteria and new faculty orientation will be provided;
- guidelines will be established on proper compensation and the inclusion of non-tenure-track faculty in decision making;
- guidelines will be set for providing professional development.

Dr. Dowdle reported that the Committee on Committees has appointed the members of the Calendar Committee: Chen, Jonsson, Van Cantfort, Henderson, and one additional volunteer member to be added.

Dr. Chen reported that the Calendar Committee finds that no school in the state system teaches a longer semester than FSU. He said the Calendar Committee intends to suggest calendar revisions very soon for the fall semester.

Faculty Assembly Delegate Van Cantfort reported that faculty should not expect a 6% raise this year or next. He also said that FSU’s tuition rate is among the lowest of schools in its category, and a raise in tuition should be considered. He also reminded faculty that the state has not paid in to the state employees retirement fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40.

Recorded by,

G. McConnell