Called to Order

The meeting of the faculty senate was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Continuing Education Building. John Mattox, Faculty Senate Chair presiding, Dianne White-Oyler, Secretary, recorded the proceedings for the meeting until the new secretary was elected. Blanche Radford-Curry, Vice Chair.

Roll Call

The following senators were in attendance: Aghajanian, A; Autrey, D; Barlow, M; Barringer-Brown, C; Bell, J; Brooks, J; Chan, A; Darnell, M; Davis, G; Dilday, C; Ellis, R; Gill, S; Goins, S; Han, S; Hackley, L; Hernandez-Hinek, S; Kassem, A; Johnson, O; Jones, C; Klomegah, R; Martin, S; Mattox, J; Mongkuo, M; Nickolov, R; Okhomina, D; Orban, M; Orban, M; O'Shea, M; Peacock, J; Radford-Curry, B; Swinford, D; Taylor, A; Trong, D; Wang, D; White-Oyler, D; Williams, T; Wilson-Jones, L; Wood, P.

Excused Absences: Akbay, C, Han, S, Okojie, R.

Guests: Minster Eronomy Smith-Mohamed

Senators were reminded to sign the roll call.

Absent: Akbay, C., Barlow, M., J; Breitzer; Caston, M.; Frobish, T; Hackett, M; Han, S; Heastie, S; Miah, F; Montoya, D; Okojie, R; Small, H;

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Adoption of Minutes

Call Meeting August 23, 2007

Chancellor’s Remarks
After his second and third full month, he has accomplished a list of things, but also had to add to President Bowles’ list some new items that are more problematic.

Private housing—has improved to 99.9 percent occupied

Nursing is now on the right track. Some of those in the upper division were not well screened and did not have all of the pre-requisites. If we do not address this properly it will cripple them in the future. The HESI was misused; it is an evaluative tool.

The problem with Banner came from trying to implement it without all of the pieces in place.

In fiscal affairs, the university has a deficit of $3.9 million. This correlates to the PACE initiative. The funds saved will be used in house in University College—to help freshman retention. Increasing passing rates are critical to the university.

He held the check for the project that would have given cell phones to students.

Managers are being required to attend an Ethics Workshop.

Pass rates are critical to FSU. We are not graduating enough students. We need to double graduation rates for four year students to 15.4 percent, five year students to 27 percent, and six year rate of 50 percent. There will be a committee to raise admission standards drawing a line at 800 SAT score. If we had had such a score last year we would have denied access to 1300 students which would have lost $8.1 in revenues and would have reduced 15 faculty positions. We are trying to implement provisions so that we don’t go through financial exigency and retrenchment.
Election of Secretary

Dr. Mattox then conducted the elections for Secretary. On the ballot for Secretary was Dr. Charletta Barringer-Brown. There was a call for nominations from the floor and seeing none, Dr. John Mattox called for a motion to close the nomination and Dr. Akbar Aghajania seconded the motion. Dr. Barringer-Brown was voted Secretary by acclamation.

Provost, Dr. Bell responded to a question posed regarding the merging of school/college of Arts and Sciences. She stated the schools were being merged due to the size of the university. We are a small university and there is no need for two separate schools to exist at this time.

Outgoing Secretary, Dr. Dianne White-Oyler expressed need for more representation on Faculty Senate standing committees to strengthen ideas for changes in policy.

Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. John Mattox described updates to the Faculty Senate website.

Secretary Elect, Dr. Charletta Barringer-Brown mentioned that input is needed from senators to ensure correct information pertaining to department representation and faculty senator activities displayed.

Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. John Mattox also discussed issue of Faculty Senator expectations for attendance would reviewed for our next meeting.

Provost Dr. Juliette Bell mentioned that the Members at Large election would be held on October 15, 2007.

Chancellor Lloyd Hackley mentioned Executive Committee will meet on October 25, 2007 for a retreat.

Chancellor Dr. Lloyd Hackley answered a general question regarding average student SAT scores by Dr. Soni Martin. The chancellor briefly discussed the declining numbers of African Americans attending HBCUs. The pool for viable candidates has become smaller. The pool for higher achieving students has decreased due to more students now receiving larger scholarship awards from Predominately White Institutions (PWI). Dr. Hackley described current activities to enhance student learning and the measurement of outcomes assessment by the assessment coordinators in each of the areas.

Chancellor Dr. Lloyd Hackley also responded to a question regarding designation of Smart Classrooms. There has been a need expressed across campus. Other issues included security and location. Review of technology is needed to assess current utilization of resources.
The meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

Dr. Dianne White Oyler, Outgoing Secretary to Faculty Senate recorded minutes until secretary election.

Minutes continued and recorded Dr. Charletta Barringer-Brown

Secretary Elect to Faculty Senate