FSU Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes:   April 16, 2009

Present:

Akbay, C.; Autrey, D.; Bhattacharya,S; Barringer-Brown, Charletta; Dilday, C.;
Mattox, J.; Wu, J.; Radford-Curry, B; Darnell, M.; Mongkuo, M.;Johnson, S;
Sheppard, D; Orban, M.; Peacock, J.; Tryon, C.; Hernandez-Hinek, S.; Martin,
S.; Twum, M.; Jing, W.‘ Milanov, V.; Nicklov, R; Wu, B.; Barlow, M. ; Taylor, A;
Williams, J.;Truong, D.; Waring, S; Wood, P.; Wilson-Jones, L.; Bratcher-
Porter,Dr.; Nagdas, S.; Elliot, Gloria; Swinford, D., Charles, K., Bhattacharya, S.,
Nagdas, S., Han, S., Johnson, S.

ABSENT: Abdelmajid, K.; Johnson, O.; Griffiths, H.; Tyler, I.; Davis, G.; Nani, F.;
Williams, T.; Vikas, A.

1. Call to Order, Dr. John Mattox, Faculty Senate Chair.

2. Report on State Budget Freeze, Dean. D. Barlow. Reported on the current GA
and Governor status and inquiries on the current status. Projecting that
administration will be more prepared for next year, tentative schedule and an
expected conservative budget. Dean Barlow stressed early registration and
advising as critical data. Dr. J. Johnson added that faculty needs to plan for early
projections to keep pace and for all to be mindful of matrix of student credit
hours. Discussion was also raised on raising funds for honors student from
faculty donations. Dean Barlow addressed the project.

3. Chair’s Report. The Chair announced that he arrived at reconsideration of his
announced resignation after a request from the executive committee, and having
asked the senators for any substantial concerns. Parliamentarian Maurice offered
further clarification and the substantial objections from faculty. Parli  substantial
ubjections, and the authors clarification of objections. Two are available and
have been sent to Parliamentarian. None were provided to the membership of the
senate. Requested to move on.
4. Adoption of the Agenda. Dr. Radford-Curry moved to remove items 11 and 12 from the Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Maxwell-Twum. Chair discussed the tradition of the April meeting being divided between sessions of the old and new senate. Dr. Dilday asked for explanation for the motion from Dr. Radford-Curry. She said that more time was needed. Questions were raised about a "friendly amendment" by Dr. Linda-Wilson Jones to preserve the installation of new senators as a stand alone item. Chair raised concerns about the lack of a chair over the summer and an election in the fall. Dr.Radford-Curry offered that the Parlimentarian would be available to step in to Chair any meeting, and accepts, Dr. Linda Wilson-Jones friendly amendment. Secretary, S. Hernandez-Hinek, asked for a raise of hands of serving senators. Motion was made to allow all visitors to the Senate meeting to speak. Motion carries. Dr. J. Johnson, appealed discussion as to deliberation. Voting resumes regarding the Motion to amend the Agenda, as proposed by Dr. Radford-Curry. Aye 19, nay 7. Motion to amend carries (with the required support of at least 2/3 of votes). A vote was held to approve the agenda as amended. The modified agenda was approved.

5. Approval of the minutes from the 3/19/09. Motion to approve carries.

6. Formation of a F. Handbook Taskforce. Chair suggested that the Governance Committee Chair assume the responsibility of the work on this Taskforce. Dr. Radford-Curry volunteered to assist new senators along with the Governance Committee Chair in this effort.

7. Ratification of Faculty Assembly Charter amendment re: size of campus delegations. Discussion, Chair calls for a vote. Motion carries.

8. Faculty Evaluation and Development Committee Report. Chair, M. Orban addressed the recommendations by the Committee. Discussed topic of point values on scholarly activities and modification of tenured assistant professors and promotion practices. Scholarly guidelines will be determined by individual departments. This proposal gives each department the option. Motion to postpone voting on this for further study by the faculty until the end of this month and vote on May 7 meeting, S. Twum, Second by J. Williams. Discussion continued on topics of practices and promotion and rank. Concerns were raised relative to rush an approval on the committee recommendation. Motion to approve a postpone consideration, 10 in favor, 14 opposed. More discussion occurred. A vote was held on the recommendation. 14 vote aye, 8 nay. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Committee carries.
9. Academic Affairs Committee Report

A proposal to modify the Senate bylaws to include Catalog Officer and Assoc. Vice Chancellor-Academic Affairs as ex officio members of FS AAC. Vote to approve carries.

b. Standard academic proposals

i) 44 - 48; 53-57 Motion to approve carries.

ii) 30 - 39 Motion to approve carries.

iii) 22-29; 40-43: 49-52; 58-60 Motion to approve carries.

c. Proposal to modify Senate bylaws to specify the nature of review per academic proposal. Motion to approve carries.

10. Report from the Comprehensive Evaluation Task Force, Chair, S. Martin shared recent recommendation: General and specific variation procedures for any faculty desiring to challenge results. Discussion of a beta test, merit pay. Instrument to be reviewed after 1st and 5th year. Vote on the document by September 2009. Discussion of beta test design and benefits. Dr. M. Olion spoke to department requirements regarding scholarly activity reflect "rigor" in establishing criteria for standards. The Chair pointed out that a quorum was no longer in place, less than 50% of senators were present. No vote was held.

11. Resolution on passage of the Charter of F. Governance (strike from the Agenda)

12. Continuity of Senate Leadership (strike from the Agenda)

13. Announcement of next meeting. May 7, 2 - 3:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, TLC (canceled).

14. Meeting is adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Secretary Socorro Hernandez-Hinek.