CALL TO ORDER. Dr. Joseph Johnson.

CHAIR’S REPORT. Dr. Johnson gave the Chair’s Report following remarks by Chancellor James Anderson and Provost Jon Young.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. Dr. Michelle Darnell moved to approve the agenda.

b. Dr. Priscilla Manarino-Leggett seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation of the Senate.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

   a. Dr. Heather Griffiths gave the motion to approve the minutes of the previous November 19, 2009 meeting.

   b. Dr. Stanley Johnson seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

5. **PROVOST’S REPORT.**

   a. Chancellor James Anderson addressed the Senate, praising the Nursing Program for raising student pass rates on the NCLEX from 39% to 88%. This was recognized in an article in the Fayetteville Observer.

   b. Dr. James Anderson invited everyone to the Distinguished Speaker Series panel dealing with the issue of race Jan. 21st, at 6:00 p.m. in Seabrook Auditorium. He also mentioned a gallery opening at 7:00 p.m. featuring the work of famous African-American artists at the Fayetteville Arts Council.

   c. Dr. James Anderson mentioned an upcoming event regarding the Field Emission Microprobe on Jan. 28. Fayetteville State University has one of only seven Microprobes currently in use in the United States. Only three Microprobes in the world allow public access, including FSU. Microprobes allow impressive magnification of images, allowing analysis of meteors in space, analysis of crimes, etc.

   d. Dr. James Anderson serves as the Chair of the Graduation and Retention Committee for President Erskine Bowles. The Committee will produce a report in March that President Bowles will use in his request for enrollment growth funds from the NC Legislature. In the past, enrollment growth was determined by the number of students in the University, rather than their academic caliber. Dr. James Anderson stated that enrollment funds in the UNC System will now be tied to our analysis of retention and graduation rates. Currently, most institutions don’t keep records of retention or student success by academic program. Instead, they keep
aggregate data for the university. If the request is made in the upcoming report that institutions provide data by academic program, it is possible that this information would be made available online for public scrutiny.

e. Chancellor James Anderson stated that FSU will celebrate Valeria Fleming’s 50-year career at the University on April 9, 2010.

f. Dr. Joseph Johnson and Dr. Jon Young reiterated their congratulations to Dr. Jimmie Williams and the Nursing Program for their hard work and recent success.

g. Dr. Young mentioned that students this semester have produced the highest scores in MATH 121 and 123 that the University has seen in at least 4 years.

h. Dr. Young stated that he will not engage in changing grades unless there is a good reason and a faculty committee recommendation.

i. Dr. Young reminded the faculty of the March 5 deadline for submission of requisitions and travel requests. Funds need to be committed before the state finds it necessary to

j. The Provost suggested that possibly 8 Senators could attend the Annual budget workshop, Friday, Feb. 12. Dr. Joseph Johnson asked Senators to submit their names if they are interested in attending.

k. Dr. Young acknowledged that the student evaluation process last fall was not successful, stating that “none of those data will be used to hurt anybody.” He graciously took responsibility and apologized for the situation.

l. Dr. Young mentioned potential incentives to get students to participate in the evaluation process. Students won’t be able to pre-register or see their final grade unless they fill out a course evaluation.
m. Dr. Darnell reported on a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee and representatives from the Bookstore system.

   i. Books should be ordered for 4 terms, or semesters. (However, if a class is only offered every spring, order books for 4 years). This does not include summers, which are not considered terms. Afterward, one can order books on a term-by-term basis. If a faculty member should find that a new edition of a textbook will be released soon, they may let the Bookstore know that they only intend to order the current version for one semester.

   ii. Students may purchase codes to access online (purchase enough for 4 terms).

   iii. The Bookstore requested information from faculty when there is an expected change in enrollment numbers. They expressed a willingness to work with radio station to advertise events, and work with faculty for book signings.

   iv. Students with an Incomplete must still return the book. They will need an alternative to complete their course requirements. If the Bookstore is notified in advance, they may be able to provide a book for students during the break.

n. Dr. Jon Young mentioned that whatever the Bookstore loses from unpaid bills by students must be reimbursed by the University. Late fees will be applied to students who miss the deadline to turn in books, in an effort to reduce costs to the university. As of December, 2010, the amount the university owed to Bookstore was around $153,000.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

   a. The Graduate Assistant that was assigned to the Faculty Senate will not be able to fulfill her duties due to a previous obligation. Therefore, Dr. Joseph Johnson has requested of the Provost the addition of a full-time clerical person for the remainder of the semester.
b. Senate representatives at the Faculty Assembly will present a resolution related to HIPA.

c. Dr. Chet Dilday stated that when you get the notice, enter what you want to say and delegates will take the concerns to the Assembly.

d. Dr. Joseph Johnson reminded the Senate that a SACS report will be submitted in Sept. 2010 to Sheryl Cordell, our SACS Liaison. A Compliance Audit is due on April 14, 2010.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Dr. Joseph Johnson restated the need to update the Faculty Handbook. By April 1, 2010, he hopes to have a rough or raw draft of the document. It is his intention to obtain Senate approval and present it to the Board of Trustees.

b. Dr. Joseph Johnson asked Dr. Jonathan Breitzer, as a non-Senate member, to help with the revision of the Faculty Handbook.

c. Dr. Maurice Mongkuo stated his support for the Chairman of the Senate, but raised concern about his omission from the committee to revise the Faculty Handbook.

d. Dr. Joseph Johnson formally apologized to Dr. Maurice Mongkuo for possibly creating the impression of marginalizing him in the process of revising the Faculty Handbook. He stated that this was not his intent and requested a meeting with Dr. Mongkuo to candidly discuss a solution.

e. Dr. Michelle Darnell reminded the Senate of the process to inform Departments of the need to elect new Senators. The Faculty Senate Secretary sends a notice to all Departments, including a list of current Senate positions that are due to end soon. The Departments can begin the process of selecting new members to represent them.

f. Dr. Joseph Johnson suggested to the Provost that the criteria for reappointment, tenure, promotion, or other awards may need to be revised.
in response to the validity questions created by the fall student evaluations. Dr. Samuel Heastie stated the importance of getting a statement in writing from the administration to ensure that the student evaluations would not be used against faculty.

g. Dr. Joseph Johnson suggested that the University reconsider the criteria for awarding an honorary doctorate in an effort to allow Faculty Senate participation.

h. Dr. Stanley Johnson invited the Senate to attend the Boyce Watkins, in Feb. 2 in Seabrook

8. COMMITTEE REPORT.

a. Dr. Michelle Darnell gave a report on the Academic Affairs committee meeting with the Bookstore, stated above. Her report was given at the end of the Provost’s remarks.

b. Dr. Chet Dilday reported for the Technology Committee. An online satisfaction survey for ITTS should soon be available.

c. Dr. Chet Dilday and other Senators discussed issues surrounding the use or potential cost-saving alternatives to Blackboard.

9. MEETING ADJOURNED.

a. Dr. Modibo Kadalie moved to adjourn the meeting.