Attendance: Joseph Johnson, Trela Anderson, Michelle Darnell, Samuel Heastie, Maurice Mongkuo, Angela Taylor, Shelvy Bratcher-Porter, Chet Dilday, Don Okhomina, Priscilla Manarino-Leggett, Daniel Autrey, Derwin Sheppard, Roger Klomegah, Oliver Johnson, Stanley Johnson, Cevdet Akbay, Gary McConnell, David Gray, Jimmie Williams, Ram Yallapragada, Stan Waring, Baeyong Lee, Wu Bing, Subir Nagdas, Deepthika Senaratne, Judy Fowler, Michelle Darnell, Jiyoung Kim, Soni Martin, Joan Cezair, Maxwell Twum-Asante, Rollinda Thomas, Jianshi Wu, Maricia Parks, Bing Wu, Jon Young


Visitors: Avis Hatcher-Puzzo, Minnie Ragland

Total Present: 38
1. CALL TO ORDER. Dr. Joseph Johnson.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   The motion to approve the agenda was given by Dr. Stanley Johnson. The motion was seconded by Dr. Maurice Mongkuo. It was passed without objection.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

   The motion to approve the minutes was given by Dr. Trela Anderson. It was seconded by Dr. Maurice Mongkuo.

4. WELCOME.

   a. Dr. Joseph Johnson welcomed the Senate following the spring break. He acknowledged the birthdays of Senate members from January to March (Oliver Johnson, Don Okhomina, Priscilla Manarino-Leggett, and Joseph Johnson).

   b. Dr. Joseph Johnson recognized the contribution of Mrs. Suzanne Hesseltine, for her work in updating the Faculty Senate website, particularly in archiving volumes of information.

5. PROVOST’S REPORT.

   a. Dr. Jon Young spoke of TJOE (Tom Joyner Online Education). Tom Joyner’s Education Foundation will begin an HBCU (Historically Black College / University) collaboration in January 2011, starting with four universities (Howard, Hampton, Tennessee State, and Fayetteville State University). There are 114 HBCUs, and FSU was selected partially because of the University’s offerings (including online education). NC Agricultural and Technical State University and North Carolina Central University will be a part of the second wave of Universities to join the organization.
b. Fayetteville State University will open a central one-stop center that will function as a portal to the UNC System. In addition, it will be used for recruitment.

c. Each department has been asked to develop a five-year vision statement. The faculty will emerge as a positive force for change. Support recruitment, retention, and other measures will lead to at least 90% of faculty will state that FSU is a good place to be employed.

d. Results of the pilot of electronic administration of student evaluations from courses from the first eight weeks of the semester: 73.4% response rate (up from previous high around 55%). 61% of responses were positive, 13% were negative, with the remaining percentage as omissions.

e. Dr. Bratcher-Porter relayed student concerns about holds on their account due to incomplete student surveys. Dr. Jon Young mentioned the policy of a grade hold and transcript hold to encourage students to complete the course evaluations. Banner ID indicates which students completed the survey, but does not show which survey results came from a particular student.

f. After a teacher turns in course grades, he/she will receive the course evaluation results.

g. Calendar revisions were distributed by Dr. Jon Young. There are 20 days for summer sessions (four five-day weeks).

h. Dr. Samuel Heastie mentioned the schedule conflicts with numerous departmental and committee meetings. He suggested that departmental meetings could be held on Tuesdays and other types of meetings can be held on Thursdays. Dr. Jon Young stated that there is a standard schedule of departmental meetings that he would consult. Dr. Joseph Johnson added
as an example that several Senate members were simultaneously scheduled for a Teacher Education meeting and Faculty Senate meeting.

i. Dr. Joseph Johnson reminded the Senate that it is important to research state health plan options. Dr. Priscilla Manarino-Leggett mentioned a website containing an informative Power Point presentation. She consented to send it to Dr. Joseph Johnson to share with faculty.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

a. During the Committee Report, Dr. Chet Dilday spoke of the technology survey for ITTS and encouraged faculty to participate. The information will be provided to Mr. Nick Ganesan.

b. Dr. Maurice Mongkuo mentioned that it may be helpful if ITTS had a method to keep track of the date when software licenses were set to expire and either updated it or informed faculty.

c. Dr. Angela Taylor postulated about the possibility of ITTS to allow individual teachers to purchase and install software that is not routinely used by the larger faculty or department (such as statistical software).

d. Dr. Maurice Mongkuo responded that the University could purchase a software license (like SPSS statistical software) and update it as necessary. Dr. Joseph Johnson added that purchasing software individually (as opposed to group licenses) would be too expensive.

e. Dr. Joseph Johnson stated that it would be helpful if ITTS could consider faculty recommendations regarding appropriate software for purchase.

f. Dr. Daniel Autrey mentioned the limitations of only 500 megabytes of space available on the T:Drive. Dr. Chet Dilday said that the amount could be expanded by ITTS.
g. Professor Soni Martin represented the Faculty Evaluation Committee. Currently, University policy supersedes the evaluation changes proposed by schools or departments. She indicated that she would ask the Provost, Dr. Jon Young, about the manner in which this would affect Faculty Evaluation.

h. Dr. Michelle Darnell presented a proposal for the establishment of a Dance minor. Assistant Professor Avis Hatcher-Puzzo shared the purpose and structure of the proposed minor. Dr. Don Okhomina asked about the difference between certain types of dance. Ms. Hatcher-Puzzo responded that “Entertainment is for pleasure, art speaks to enlightenment”. Dance, in a non-verbal manner, seeks to tell a story. The proposed minor would give students the purpose and history of dance, as well as the foundation to become an artist.

i. Dr. Michelle Darnell moved that the Senate accept the proposal with the condition that further information will be provided regarding surveys or data showing demand for the program, the status of arts programs at other schools, and the content of the arts programs. Dr. Maurice Mongkuo seconded the motion. It was passed by acclamation.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Dr. Joseph Johnson presented the revised Faculty Senate webpage, demonstrating the work of Mrs. Suzanne Hesseltine. She arranged current and archived information from the Faculty Senate into a format consistent with the University website.
b. Dr. Joseph Johnson asked to meet with the Faculty Senate the following Thursday, March 25, 2010, to discuss the Faculty Handbook.

8. MEETING ADJOURNED.