FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

April 27, 2010 MINUTES:

Attendance: Joseph Johnson, Shelvy Bratcher-Porter, Jimmie Williams, Soni Martin, Gloria Elliott, Rammohan Yallapragada, Don Okhoma, Jianshi Wu, Maurice Mongkuo, Stanley Johnson, Gary McConnell, Chester Dilday, Modibo Kadalie, Angela Taylor, Samuel Heastie, Judy Fowler, Daniel Autrey, Michelle Darnell, Rollinda Thomas, Maxwell Twum-Asante, Priscilla Manarino-Leggett, Bonnie Grohe, Dothang Truong, Maricia Parks


Visitors: Chancellor James Anderson, Jon Young, John Mattox, Gregory Sadler

Total Present: 24

1. CALL TO ORDER. Dr. Joseph Johnson.

2. CHAIR’S REPORT.
   a. Dr. Joseph Johnson welcomed the Senate.
b. Dr. Joseph Johnson remarked on the low faculty attendance at the last Founder’s Day celebration. He estimated that only about half of faculty were present. Dr. Maurice Mongkuo concurred, asking whether or not an advisory body to administration can help enforce matters of attendance. Dr. Jon Young answered that he’d appreciate the Faculty Senate reminding faculty of mandatory attendance. He recognized that it is imperative for administration to make that clear. Dr. Jon Young stated that Department Chairs will now be responsible for monitoring matters of mandatory attendance. He shared that extenuating circumstances such as the graduation of a child would be understood.

c. Dr. James Anderson mentioned that there was low faculty attendance at Honors ceremonies for outstanding students. He allowed that perhaps there was a need for administration to get the word out.

d. Dr. James Anderson addressed the budget cuts for four-year and two-year institutions. Cuts hit our university hard because it has the lowest endowment, many students on financial aid, and other budgetary concerns. He stated that it is manageable, but there could be difficulty in the next two years.

e. SACS Liaison will visit for two days soon. There are some huge gaps due to a lack of documentation in past years. He expects to have some recommendations made by the Liaison. Dr. James Anderson gave the example that Operational Plans have not been consistent (some did not distinguish between program outcomes and learning outcomes).

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion to approve the agenda was given by . The motion was seconded by .

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The motion to approve the minutes was given by . The motion was seconded by .

5. PROVOST’S REPORT.
a. Dr. Jon Young reminded faculty about the Active Shooter exercise at 9:00 a.m. on May 14, 2010. The training exercise will include the Fayetteville Police, Fire Department, hospital, local media (observers), and university. The date was chosen because classes will be out of session.

b. Dr. Jimmie Williams expressed concern that some people following scanners may learn of the event and represent a problem during the exercise. Dr. Jon Young assured the group that the security firm that is running the exercise have experience in notifying the public and maintaining safety. It will be called an “Emergency Management Exercise” for public consumption.

c. Dr. Daniel Autrey asked about faculty responsibilities for the Active Shooter exercise. Dr. Jon Young answered that faculty will simply follow the same procedures as in an actual emergency. Dr. James Anderson stated that faculty would actually hear shots fired (simulated) on that day. This accentuated the need to make people aware of the drill in advance.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT.

a. Dr. Chester Dilday represented the Faculty Assembly and offered to make information available to those who needed additional clarification. He stated the need to remind people of potential violations, such as improper cell phone usage

b. Dr. Gloria Elliott requested that faculty who are selected to represent FSU in the Faculty Assembly actually attend the meetings. She mentioned the HMI (Minority Institutions) meeting, which gathers at 8:00 a.m. as an example of an important obligation. Legal issues for online classes will be addressed at an upcoming meeting for Assembly Representatives.
7. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Dr. Michelle Darnell presented proposals under consideration by the Academic Affairs Committee.

b. Dr. Jon Young advocated for a B.S. in Professional Studies program that would allow Associates in Arts and Sciences (A.A.S.) degree holders to complete a bachelor’s degree. It would not introduce new courses or use additional resources to accomplish its goal. In addition, East Carolina University and UNC Pembroke already accept A.A.S. students.

c. Dr. Gregory Sadler asked about the logistics of offering an ethics course when critical thinking classes already force faculty to teach overloads. Dr. Jon Young mentioned that we currently may be able to manage the courses, but an influx of many new A.A.S. students could change that dynamic. It is possible that we may not get very many, but the potential to increase enrollment could generate the additional funds necessary to hire more faculty.

d. During discussions with Dr. Don Okhomina and others, Dr. Jon Young expressed the need to encourage enrollment at a time when the university is facing budgetary challenges.

e. Dr. Bing Wu engaged Dr. Jon Young in a discussion of the hours and headcounts that cannot be exceeded within some programs. Dr. Jon Young suggested a caveat in the language that could protect the university in certain instances.

f. Dr. Joseph Johnson mentioned past articulation agreements that required community colleges to present certain courses and meet criteria consistent with the university’s accreditation. He hoped that our native students will have access through the program to gain a degree. He also wanted to
address the provision of a small budget for potential start-up costs. An additional concern was that most of the evaluators are out of state.

g. Dr. Joseph Johnson stated that the program should be run through the College of Arts and Sciences, given that the University College is not an academic unit recognized by accreditation bodies. Dr. Jon Young mentioned that the measure was approved by the General Assembly.

h. Dr. Joseph Johnson publicly thanked Dr. Michelle Darnell for her outstanding service as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

i. Dr. Michelle Darnell proposed that the measure be accepted given certain conditions, including clarity of sources of survey, minimum of upper level courses, clarify sources of projected enrollments, double-check the SCH hours, update external evaluations, and fix typographical errors on pages 3 and 10 of the proposal.

j. Members voted on the proposal. The measure passed by a vote of 15 (yea) to 6 (nay). This represented a quorum (majority) of the Senate members present at the time of the vote (21).

8. MEETING ADJOURNED.