

FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2007

MINUTES

These Minutes have been approved by the Senate Body.

Members Present: Paul Schreiber, Gwen Catchings, Bertha Ealey, Udai Kudikyala, Orian Cathey, Elizabeth Evans, Mack Felton, Jerome Greene, Mantra Henderson, Mohammed Hoque, Emmanuel Ngwang, Peter Nwankwo, Vikki Spann, Dorothy Vaughn, Barbara Washington, Stacey White, Jim Wilkinson.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Paul Schreiber. The minutes were reviewed. Corrections to the minutes were made and pending official adoption. Dr. Schreiber informed the Senate of the outcome of his meeting with past president, Dr. Showi. Dr. Showi provided him with an update of the Senate's 2006-2007 Academic year which included the following:

Acquired for the Faculty Senate office Furniture, Computer, Printer and Telephone, Telephone bill is no longer coming out of Senate Budget  
Release time for faculty--faculty members with teaching loads of 16 or 17 credits will only teach 6 to 9 credits the following semester  
Merit Pay was instituted  
Pay raises are equal across the board (not merit pay)  
Caps on Core Classes have been established. Instead of increasing the number of students to be enrolled in a section, new sections should be opened

Additionally, Dr. Showi gave a summary of items currently in the process of being completed:

Faculty Senate Web Page.  
Increase in Faculty Senate Budget  
Faculty Handbook Committee  
Tenure and Promotion policies

Unfinished business focused primarily on prioritizing goals for the upcoming year. Dr. Catchings presented a list of issues that had been presented to her. These concerns were organized under four broad categories: Academics, Infrastructure/Technology; Marketing and Communication and Faculty Senate Office. A committee of three, Dr. Catchings, Ms. Evans, and Mr. Wilkerson, was chosen to prioritize the issues/concerns and report back to the full committee. These issues were reflective of those outlined at the last meeting:

- Increase faculty participation
- Parking
- Communication – internal and external
- Academic program enhancement
- Faculty pay
- Lighting – outside/security

- Bookstore
- Faculty and administrator evaluations

A discussion of more accountability for scholarship disbursement ensued. Ms. Evans recommended giving department chairs discretion in awarding scholarships.

A request was made by Senator J. Greene to convene an Executive Session. This was done.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully Submitted;

*Bertha Ealey*

Bertha Ealey, Secretary

*Paul Schreiber*

Paul Schreiber, President