Executive Committee of the Savannah State University Faculty Senate

Minutes for meeting of Monday, Feb. 27, 2012 4:30 PM Business Building

Present: Dowling, Metts, Dolo, McClain, O’Brien

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dowling at 4:30 PM.
2. Dr. Dowling announced that he decided not to serve on the Search Committee for the VPAA.
3. Dr. Naniuzeyi has replaced Dr. Ide as a Senator.
4. Dr. Dowling gave us a section of the Board of Regents Policy Manual, which states that a person accepting the position of action president at a USG institution shall not be a candidate for president of that institution.
5. Dr. Dowling reported on the Board of Regents University System Faculty Council, which was held at SSU last Saturday.
6. There was a call for the BOR to reexamine health care. Most professors are unaware that Blue Cross-Blue Shield is only administering our health plan.
7. There was a discussion of parity and equity between the Teachers’ Retirement System and the Optional Retirement System.
8. Consolidations are not over. Faculty members have not been included in this process.
9. At a couple of USG institutions, the distribution of the grades of D, F, and W has become an evaluation issue for faculty. Those professors with a high percentage of these grades have been asked to present a plan to reduce them.
10. The BOR’s policy to exempt schools from the Regents’ exam was discussed.
11. Faculty Affairs had a quorum and talked about having five Senators from each college serve on the Faculty Senate. This would be a departure from the current system of proportional representation.
12. Dr. Dowling announced that we do have funds available in the Senate budget.
13. Meeting with the Athletics Director. Dr. Metts and Dr. Jordan met with the Athletics Director. He wants control of his own shop and to get his house in order. They do monthly and quarterly academic briefing. Spot checks are done to monitor practice time. The Athletics Director welcomes a chance to speak to the faculty.
14. The Executive Committee will change meeting times to Tuesdays at 3:30 PM.
15. Dr. Metts will remind departments to elect new Senators for those whose terms are expiring.
16. Agenda for the next Senate meeting of Tuesday, March 6, 2012.
17. Call to Order
18. Approval of Agenda
19. Approval of Minutes
20. President’s Report
21. V. Committee reports
22. Executive
23. NPCC
24. International Programs
25. Faculty Affairs
26. Academic Calendar
27. Handbook
28. Other
29. Correspondence
30. Announcements
31. Adjournment
32. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin O’Brien- Recording Secretary