

Savannah State University Faculty Senate
Minutes for Tuesday, November 5, 2013 4:00 PM Whiting Hall Chan Auditorium

Senators of 2013-2014 Present: Ouandlous, Bell, Silberg, Jordan, Warren, Brown, Niranjana, Gardner-Martin, Kawasha, Lewis, Maynor, Metts, O'Brien, Rukmana, St. Mark, Walker, Adeyemo, Andreou, Atena, Johnson, Kim, Wyche, Mosley, Harris-Murphy

Ex-officio: Dozier, Verret, Jolley, Sarhan, Lambright, D. Smith, Holmes, Fayoyin, Barnette

Senators Absent: Franklin, Brooks, Park, Wu, DeLoach, Curran, Li, Taylor

Excused: Jahmani

Visitors: Arora, Bentley, Bongang, Mustafa, Mills, Kalantari

I- Call to order- The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Dr. Ouandlous at 4:06 p.m.

II- Approval of Agenda- The agenda was approved.

III- The October 1, 2013 Minutes were approved with a correct to reflect Senator Harris-Murphy as an excused absence.

IV- The Senate entertained the President's Report, which is incorporated to these minutes by reference. President Dozier reported that expected Spring 2014 enrollment figures will be provided by Dr. Verret at the next meeting. She also reported additional security personnel have been retained and other measures taken to increase safety. Acceptance of the report was moved, supported, and approved.

V- Dr. Kalantari presented a proposal to the Senate for an orientation for new Senators and Senate receptions to convene at the start and end of the academic year. It was explained that these provide important basic information to new Senators and facilitate making the social connections important for a functioning Senate. After considerable discussion it was moved, seconded, and approved to conduct an orientation during the Fall Faculty Institute and to convene Senators for a reception at the beginning and end of the academic year.

VI- The Senate entertained a proposal to limit the number of committees on which a faculty member may be expected to serve. Vice Chair Dr. Ouandlous explained that changes discussed in the President's report, the need for efficiency, and utilization of a balanced approach speak to the importance of shared service. In addition, the effort will include the continued review on the reduction in the number of committees in cooperation with the administration. It was proposed that the expectation of faculty be limited to serving on two Senate Committees, including administrative; faculty have the freedom to serve on more should they desire. The proposal was moved, supported, and approved by the Senate and is referred to the Committee on Committees.

VII- The Senate considered Old Business. The functional and official appropriateness of Old Business reporting was explained, referencing the Handbook requirement of the president to respond to matters within 30 days of Senate action.

- a. Dr. Verret presented an update incorporated into these minutes by reference.
- b. The Senate specifically requested additional information on the golf cart safety matter. Mr. Jolley reviewed the training and safety reinforcement activities that have occurred. The administration will investigate the feasibility of adding a cart identifier, such as a number, that can be used to report unsafe behavior, as well as training for students and an audible approach system to alert pedestrians.
- c. On the matter of changing the timing of overload pay the Senate was asked for input on a reasonable timeframe for recoupment of overpayments to faculty in the unlikely event such a payment occurred. After some discussion it was moved, supported, and approved by the Senate to recoup overpayments over three months.

VIII-Several announcements were made. Senators were requested to check the items on the web page for accuracy. Attendees were notified of several Veteran Day events on campus. SSU and Armstrong Atlantic University are co-producing a dramatic production, Amen Corner, which will be performed the ensuing two weeks. Also, the Savannah Concert Choir will be in concert. The Senate extended a special welcome to a guest from the University of the Virgin Islands visiting to observe the Library.

IX-Adjournment- the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Bell- Recording Secretary