Executive Committee Minutes- Savannah State University

Wednesday, Feb.1, 2012 4:30 PM President’s meeting room- Hill Hall

Present: Dozier, Dowling, Metts, Dolo, McClain, O’Brien, Myers (guest)

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dozier at 4:50 PM.
2. Discussion of the new faculty handbook- Dr. Dozier brought up several items in the handbook which she felt should be revised. Dr. Myers, Chair of the Handbook Committee, made detailed notations of the modifications.
3. Section 1.5.8 currently states that Department Chairs are appointed by the President with advice of the Deans. It should be changed to: Department Chairs should be appointed by the VPAA after consultation with the President.
4. The handbook should specify which administrative positions report to Deans, the VPAA, and the President.
5. Section 1.7.2 regarding the legislative rule making and legislative authority of the faculty- The faculty, in conjunction with the Vice President of Student Affairs, may have the responsibility to make student regulations and prescribe rules. The Student Affairs Committee will also work through redefining the role of the committee.
6. Section 1.7.1.1 and Section 2.3.9 regarding Core of Instruction- There are some administrators who have faculty status. The Vice President of Student Affairs and Vice President of Business and Finance shall serve as ex officio members of the core of instruction.
7. Section 1.8.2.9 Scholarship Committee- There have been two scholarship committees. There should be only one scholarship committee. It consists of 8 faculty members (2 from each college) appointed by the Senate. There should be co-chairs consisting one faculty member and the Vice President of University Advancement or a designate. The committee should implement policies for the scholarship programs. The members of the committee shall review all scholarship applications and monitor the performance of scholarship recipients.
8. Section 1.8.2.12 Distance Learning Committee- The Board of Regents has named an Associate Vice Chancellor over distance learning. We will work with the new policy set up by the Board of Regents.
9. Faculty Committees- A statement should be added that the chair of each committee should be a senator and all committees must have representation from each college.
10. There should be a readmission committee. Faculty could help decide which students are readmitted. This will be strictly academic readmission. This is currently being handled by Dr. Stokes.
11. Dr. Myers left the meeting at this point.
12. After the discussion of the handbook was finished, the Executive Committee discussed the following items with Dr. Dozier:
13. When the Board of Regents meets next week, Dr. Sarhan will present Dr. Dozier’s initiatives. One is for a faculty initiative fund. There will be $50,000 set aside for faculty to apply for $1,000 for special projects. The other initiative is $25,000 for summer international programs.
14. Dr. Dozier will name the search committee for the VPAA. The committee will consist of Senators from each college, an additional faculty member from each college, department chairs, deans, a student, and one person from the Cabinet.
15. Status of Dr. Dozier- The President indicated that she did not want faculty to write to the Board of Regents on her behalf. Alumni should not ask that Dr. Dozier be appointed. She said that the Board of Regents can initiate a search or appoint her. This topic will not be on the agenda at the upcoming senate meeting.
16. At the March 29 Honors Convocation, the Chancellor will be invited and there will be a ribbon cutting for Morgan Hall to celebrate the return of Teacher Education to Savannah State University.
17. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin O’Brien- Recording Secretary