Savannah State University Faculty Senate

Minutes for meeting of Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016 4 PM Student Center Ballroom

Present: Dr. Dozier (Chair)

Senators present: Jordan (Vice-Chair), O’Brien, Lewis, Sajwan, Mallard, Thompson, Trammel, Adeyemo, Oakley, Samms Brown, Arora, Toney, Choi, Rukmana, Hamilton, Gardner, Tedrick, Myrick-Harris, Alexander, Deloach, Muche, Kalantari, Yount, Nitta, Brannen

Senators excused: Hayder, Cannonier. SOTE will elect a Senator shortly.

Visitors and ex-officio: There was no sign up sheet provided for these groups.

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jordan at 4:10 PM.
2. Swearing-In of new Senators for 2016-2017- Dr. Dozier swore in the new Senators.
3. Election of Senate officers for 2016-2017
4. Vice-Chair- Dr. Jordan was elected.
5. Recording Secretary- Prof. O’Brien was elected.
6. Corresponding Secretary: Dr. Lewis and Dr. Rukmana were nominated. Dr. Lewis was elected.
7. Logistics: Dr. Rukmana was elected.
8. Parliamentarian; Dr. Toney and Dr. Sajwan were nominated. Dr. Toney was elected.
9. President’s report: The majority of the report is attached to the minutes. Additional items are recorded here.
10. The Faculty Handbook needs further revision. Dr. Mallard is Chair of the Handbook Committee.
11. Discussion about tasers-Tasers are to be used only in defense of self or others.
12. Prof. K. Walker asked what would happen if a student accidentally used a taser. Inappropriate use of tasers can be prosecuted.
13. Dr. Myers expressed her concern about tasers being kept out for purposes of intimidation.
14. Faculty were advised not to include anything about tasers in their syllabi at this time.
15. Tasers can be brought anywhere on campus and do not have to be concealed.
16. University System of Georgia- A question was asked regarding moving to semi-monthly pay for monthly employees. The question was how this will impact those who receive monthly funds in the summer for grants. We are not yet sure of the impact.
17. We have increased summer school compensation, overload compensation, and Adjunct Faculty compensation. Independent study courses will receive a compensation of $300.
18. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin O’Brien- Recording Secretary