Faculty Senate Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Torian Auditorium, Jordan Hall

Present: Metts, Reddick, Gentry, Spicer, Schroeder, Yousuf, Gardner-Martin, Alemayehu, O’Brien, Shearin, Ide, Purnell, Jones, Oh, Zhao, Brown, Park, Choi, Morgan

I. Call to Order
✓ The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Dr. Metts at 4:10 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda
✓ Strike handbook assignments from the agenda.
✓ Put the CTLAS proposal under old business.
✓ Under reports, add a report from the committee on committees.
✓ With these changes, the agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes
✓ Under old business, summer contracts, add the following:

A process for summer teaching is already in place but contracts are not distributed in a timely manner.
✓ With this addition, the minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business
A. Sabbatical Leave
✓ Dr. Wyatt said that there is no sabbatical leave in the state system of Georgia but there is educational leave.

B. CTLAS Proposal
✓ CTLAS proposed a reduction of from 4 credit hours to 3 credit hours for CTLAS courses. Thirteen schools in the Georgia system have 3 hour courses for learning support. A question was asked about how the same material will be covered in three contact hours as opposed to four. The courses are web enhanced; so the same content will be covered. Instead of sitting in a lab for the 4th hour, students can do some assignments on the web.
✓ The motion to reduce CTLAS courses from 4 to 3 credit hours was passed.

C. Merit Pay
✓ Dr. Myers asked about where she could read the draft policy on merit pay administration. It will be put in the online version of the handbook when the handbook is amended. It will also be circulated at the faculty meeting on Wednesday, April 9.

V. New Business
A. Election for senate officers
Departments are asked to please hold elections for next year’s senators. Elections will be held for senate officers at the senate meeting in May.

B. Faculty senate website format
✓ The faculty senate website will soon have a new format. Dr. Metts hopes to have a link for pending and approved curriculum proposals.

VI. Reports
A. Committee on Committees
✓ Dr. Reddick, Dr. Shearin, Dr. Wyatt, and Dr. Yarbrough met. There was a consensus that there are too many committees. Some committees should be combined. There will be a proposal from Dr. Wyatt to reduce the number of senate committees.
✓ Committees should try to meet in April and have a report in May.
✓ Dr. Metts suggested the current committees be carried over to August so that they could begin right away when the fall semester starts.
✓ Dr. Gardner-Martin said that committees should have objectives, responsibilities, and a convener.
✓ Some committees such as the athletic committee are administrative committees. The senate elects faculty representatives to senate and administrative committees.
✓ Committees have by and large not been given charges. Senate officers should provide charges for senate committees.

VII. Announcements
✓ Dr. Myers announced that the play *Juice*, written by Dr. Jahannes, will be performed by The Players by the Sea from April 17-19. The play puts on emphasis on HIV, AIDS, and hepatitis.
✓ Dr. Wyatt announced that Professor Morgan is the director of the evening/weekend college.
✓ Dr. Gentry announced the Liberal Arts Poetry Festival is taking place from April 7-19. Some noteworthy poets are reading on the campus and in the community. The whole list is on the web site.
✓ Dr. Shearin announced that senior English majors will be doing research presentations in the art gallery of the library on Wednesday, April 16 from 10-12 and 1-3.
✓ Dr. Morgan announced that Lynn Bryant will be presenting her autobiography on Friday, April 10 at 10 a.m. in the Whiting Auditorium
✓ Dr. Spicer thanked Dr. Metts for her participation in the Faculty Follies on April 1.
✓ On Friday, April 17 from 10-4, there will be a Big Read Discussion of Bradbury’s book in Kennedy Auditorium.

VIII. Adjournment
✓ The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.