Faculty Senate Minutes
Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005
Torian Auditorium, Jordan Hall

Senators Present: Crawford, O’Brien, Kalantari, Lin, Hoskins, Gentry, Adeyemo, Snyder, Myers, Shearin, Zhang, Yousuf, Leseane, Metts, Tessema, Gougis, Hahn, Ouandlous, Johnson, Scchroeder, Song, Reddick, Chukwukere, Miller, Singh, Silver, Floyd, Gardner, Fayoyin, Morgan, Franklin

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

II. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved without changes.

III. Approval of Minutes
The names of Senators Hoskins and Myers should be added as being present for the Oct. 4 meeting. With these additions, the minutes of Oct. 4 were then approved.

IV. Correspondence
Correspondence from Dr. Brown to Dr. Crawford requested that the Senate approve having all faculty be required to report midterm grades. The original document and recommendation came from the Deans’ Council. This proposal was unanimously approved.

V. Old Business
A. Handbook
Dr. Crawford asked for more faculty feedback regarding revisions to the faculty handbook.

B. Scale on evaluation instrument
The Senate voted to use the scale of 1-5 consistently with the Faculty evaluation instrument, including faculty evaluation by the Chair.

VI. New Business
A. Faculty Senate website demonstration
Dr. Crawford showed what information Senators, Faculty, and Staff can access from the Faculty Senate web site. The Faculty Handbook, committee members, responsibility of committees, minutes and agenda for each meeting are on the web.

B. Clarification of committee structures
There are administrative and faculty senate committees. These are on the web.

C. Post-tenure review policy clarification
Both Board of Regents and Savannah State University policies are clear on the relationship between promotion to associate professor or professor and post-tenure
review for faculty having been tenured for five years and whose promotion and post-tenure dates coincide. Savannah State University policy has been approved by the Board of Regents and our interpretation has been validated by its Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor and its Office of Legal Affairs. Nevertheless, there are continued instances of misinterpretation. This amendment will take out the need for interpretation.

After review, the Cabinet proposes the following changes to our policy:

1. Add in Section II, 2nd paragraph after first sentence. *Tenured faculty members subject to this provision shall adhere to the prescribed promotion process through completion, inclusive of the appeals process. Further, whereas a positive review for promotion shall satisfy the requirement of post-tenure review, a failed promotion review shall demonstrate an unsatisfactory post-tenure review. All provision of Section VII apply.*

2. Add in Section VII, 3rd paragraph, after “appeals” whether of the policy governing promotion or the policy governing post-tenure review.

The proposal for clarification of the policy for post-tenure review of faculty was approved.

D. Proposed clarification of language in by-laws
This deals with what constitutes a quorum in the Senate. It was suggested that a quorum should be 50% if the Senate membership plus one. For 2005-2006, this should be 15 out of 28. However, we still need an official list of Senators from all units. There will be further discussion of this issue at the next Senate meeting.

E. Curriculum committee report
The curriculum proposals approved by the New Programs and Curriculum Committee were COST 2100 Science, Technology, and Society, MSCI 4401K Marine, Sediment, Sinks, and Significance, and MSCI 3702 Introduction to Geographical Information Systems.
The proposal for COST 2100 was rejected by the Senate by a vote of 9 to 4 with 6 abstentions.
The proposals for MSCI 4401K and MSCI 3702 were approved.

VII. Announcements
There were no announcements.

VIII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.