Faculty Senate Minutes  
Tuesday February 6, 2007  
4:00 p.m.  
Torian Auditorium, Jordan Hall

Members Present: Crawford, Schroeder, Gentry, Morgan, Adeyemo, Hahn, Jordan, Kalantari, Asperheim, Shearin, Deloach, O’Brien, Han, Leseane, Chukwukere, Hoskins, Spicer, Metts, Ide, Reddick, Alemayehu, Tessema

I. Call to Order: The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05pm  
II. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.  
III. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 5 December 2006 meeting were approved.  
IV. Introduction of New Faculty: Professors Chung and Westfall (in absentia) were introduced.  
V. Old Business  
A. Proposal for a process for communicating and executing Faculty Senate decisions: The proposal was tabled until the next meeting pending investigation of whether such policy already exists, making this proposal unnecessary  
VI. New Business  
A. Request to change scheduling of Summer III and Fall Faculty Institute: A request was made to allow for more of a gap between the end of the last summer session and the beginning of Fall Faculty Institute so that faculty can have sufficient time between the two; it was noted that this year, Summer III finals will fall on the first day of the Institute, giving faculty no break whatsoever. The Fall Faculty Institute Committee under Dr. Watkins and the President’s Office will look into the possibility of adjusting the schedule to avoid the overlap.  
B. Board of Review: Dr. Blood was elected as Chair by secret ballot. Dr. Jordan was elected as alternate by acclamation.  
C. Faculty Parking: A proposal was made to create a committee to investigate the allotment and enforcement of faculty parking, asserting that there is not enough designated faculty parking and that parking restrictions are not properly enforced. The proposal was amended to charge the Faculty Affairs committee with an immediate investigation of the issue, and the amended proposal was approved.  
VI. Committee Reports  
A. Handbook Committee: The Handbook Committee is working and hopes to bring some materials for review at the March meeting.  
B. Faculty Affairs Committee:  
1. The revised PTR policy requested in the previous meeting has been forwarded to Dr. Schroeder.  
2. A proposal stating that COST faculty teaching 4-hour courses in the summer should be compensated for 4 hours, not just 3 as has been the practice, was approved.
3. A proposal to reintegrate the strategic objectives section (20%) of the annual faculty evaluation into the standard three categories of teaching, research/professional development, and service was unanimously approved.

4. A proposal to change the formula by which faculty salaries for summer school teaching was tabled for further investigation after some members expressed concern that the proposed formula would actually result in lower summer salaries for faculty in some departments where salaries are disproportionately low.

In response to this discussion, the Chair suggested that the Faculty Affairs Committee should address the issue of faculty salary equity and report back to the Senate on that matter.

VII. Announcements:
A. Dr. Myers announced the death of student Le’Shannia Perkins, a behavior analysis major from Augusta, GA.
B. The candidates for Graduate Dean will be on campus next week. Faculty are encouraged to attend the scheduled events with those candidates.
C. National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day will be observed on Wednesday, 7 Feb. with HIV testing and a concert by Rogiers in the King-Frazier Student Center.
D. Deputy Chief Willie Lovett will be honored on 27 February at 10am in Torian Auditorium.
E. At 6pm on 6 February, the Presidential Search Committee will hold a public forum in Torian Auditorium.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25