Minutes of the Faculty Senate - Savannah State University
Tuesday, May 2, 2006
Torian Auditorium - Jordan Hall

Senators Present: Crawford, O’Brien, Asperheim, Reddick, Spicer, Turay, Kalantari, Gentry, Shearin, Hoskins, Schroeder, Miller, Morgan, Yousuf, Tessema, Aleayehu, Hahn, Adeyemo, Silver, Franklin, Ouandlous, Metts, Myers, Chukwukere, Johnson, Jordan

I. Call to Order: Chair Carlton Brown called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Instead of the approval of the Agenda, a motion was made and approved to move directly to New Business item VI. B Introduction of New Senators: The newly elected Senators present at this time are: Alemayehu, Asperheim, and Spicer. The reelected Senators present at this time are Hahn, Schroeder, Shearin, Hoskins, Gardner, Tessema, and Morgan. The continuing Senators present at this time are Reddick, Franklin, Metts, Myers, Kalantari, O’Brien, Miller, Silver, Adeyemo, Crawford, Gentry, and Tessema

II. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved with no changes.

III. Approval of Minutes (April 4, 2006 meeting): With the addition of Hahn as having been present and the excused absences of Myers and Tessema, the Minutes were then approved.

IV. Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

V. Old Business: There was no old business.

VII. Administrative report - There was no report.

VIII. Committee reports
A. Faculty Affairs Committee: Dr. Hahn had a 5 part report: 1. A subcommittee of Faculty Affairs was put together to do the evaluation of Administrators. The Library needs packets to do the evaluation of Administrators.
2. Post tenure review appeals committee- A subcommittee of Faculty Affairs is looking at 3 old appeals and 2 new appeals. The report from Dr. Hahn stated that there needs to be a more detailed process of post tenure review. A more detailed document regarding post tenure review is being put together. The appeals committee did not know what documents needed to be reviewed. All documents should be given to the chair of the Appeals Committee all at once.
3. Faculty load- Data is being assembled as to the loads the faculty is teaching.
4. The evaluation of Faculty by Administrators was supposed to be done on a scale of 1-5. According to the report, the Deans of COBA, CLASS, and COST have not followed this scale and are not in conformance with the approved scale. COST said it was using the 5 point scale. The overall evaluation needs to be done on a 1-5 scale instead of a scale of 0-2.
Dr. Hahn made the following motion: The Faculty Senate requests that the Deans of CTLAS and CLASS change the data to reflect the 1-5 scale of evaluation of Faculty. The motion was approved. All Deans and Department Chairs must have the final overall evaluation on a 1-5 scale and must modify the evaluation outcome measures to correspond with an eye towards fairness and accuracy.

5. A faculty member has appealed being removed from summer teaching due to an unsatisfactory post tenure review. Dr. Silver said that the professor (Dr. Chambers) had been removed from summer school teaching prior to when the appeal of the post-tenure review decision was made. Dr. Silver said that summer teaching is not part of the post tenure review policy. Summer teaching is an Administrative decision.
Summer teaching is not a right and is a separate contract.

VI. New Business
A. Election of Officers- Dr. Crawford finished the term of Dr. Schroeder is 2004-2005 and was elected for 2005-2006. It was debated as to whether or not Dr. Crawford was now eligible to be nominated for another term as Vice-Chair of the Senate. There was uncertainty as to whether or not a partial term constituted a complete term. Dr. Alemayehu said that Dr. Schroeder was improperly elected and thus Dr. Crawford’s service for 2004-2005 constituted her first term. It was suggested that we adjourn until the Parliamentarian can be present.
Dr. Schroeder made the following motion: For policy clarification purposes, a partial term should not constitute a full term. The motion was approved by a vote of 12 to 4.

The election of officers went forward. Vice Chair: Dr. Crawford and Dr. Schroeder were nominated. The first vote ended in a 11-11 tie. In the revote, Dr. Crawford had 12 votes and Dr. Schroeder had 10. Dr. Crawford will be the Vice-Chair of the Senate for the 2006-2007 Academic Year.
Recording Secretary: Dr. Gentry was elected by acclamation for 2006-2007.
Corresponding Secretary: Dr. Schroeder and Dr. Asperheim were nominated. Dr. Schroeder was elected for 2006-2007.
Parliamentarian: Dr. Hoskins was unanimously elected by acclamation for 2006-2007.
Logistics Officer: Dr. Adeyemo was elected by acclamation for 2006-2007.

B. Distributive Learning Committee: The on line course manual for individuals who wish to have a Web CT course was presented. It had already been distributed previously. This manual, “The Quality Assurance of Web CT Vista Online Courses Manual” was approved by the Senate.

C. Other Committees: There were no other reports.

IX. Announcements: Dr. Brown announced that the SSU baseball team defeated #10 ranked Florida State on Sunday.
Dr. Silver reminded the faculty of the graduation in the Tiger Arena on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. The Hill Hall Gala will also be on Saturday, May 6.
Mayor Otis Johnson had a heart attack and it was asked to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.
Dr. Silver announced that Mass Communications would be reviewed in January, 2007 for accreditation and that the accreditation decision would be made in March, 2007.

X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.