



## Faculty Senate Minutes

February 2, 2021, WebEx, 4pm.

**Senators Present:** K. Aites, M. Adams, A. Anderson, G. Bowden, N. Cannonier, A. Chowdhury, C. Creekmur, C. Curran, C. Davis, J. Dominy, D. Ebanks, E. Ekuase, R. Franklin, K. Jayaraman, T. R. Johnson, K. Jordan, S. Kim, I. Korovyakovskaya, B. Kawasha, L. Alvarez, D. Michael, A. Moore, P. Morgan, A. Mudrinich, E. Nojang, P. Omunga, Y. Park, M. Prasad, P. Rivera, C. Samms-Brown, T. Shakespeare, D. Simmonds, I. Tedrick, W. Tekalign, G. Tessema, L. Ying

**Ex-Officio:** K. Ballard-Washington, E. Campbell, S. Mujumdar, S. McFall, J. Lambright, S. Mullgrav, M. Mustafa, A. Ogletree-McDougal, C. Thomson, D. Townsend

**Visitors:** D. Bharath, S. Bhuiyan, M. Cox, C. Gayle, D. Jenkins, J. Hamilton, M. Hayder, O. Iancu, K. Marriott, I. Mosch, J. Nash, P. Ogden, K. Platt, Z. Qin, S. Serdikoff, N. Silberg, K. Stewart, H. Tavossi, J. Trammell, T. Saleem, J. West, P. West, P. White, G. Woods, Dept. Journalism and Mass Communication, SSU Career Services

I. Call to Order (Aites, Vice Chair) – meeting called to order at 4:09pm

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to add Discussion of COVID Numbers to agenda: E. Nojang      Second: K. Jordan

Agenda approved with addition

III. Approval of Minutes (Aites)

Corrections: correct L. Merchan's last name to Alvarez

Moved to approve with correction: C. Creekmur

Second: L. Merchan-Alvarez

Minutes approved with correction via chat

IV. President's Report (K. Ballard-Washington, Interim President)

COVID Cases report – use safety measures, limit activities until further notice, testing, Bank of America – EAB Collaboration, Collaboration with Apple, Amended FY 20 and 21 fiscal budget, Department of Education Emergency Relief Fund – SSU will receive award

V. President's Search Update (Aites)

Several candidates nominated, Early March for interviews to begin

VI. Old Business

A. Fillable Evaluation Instrument

Forms available, trainings conducted through Center for Teaching and Learning sessions and departmental meetings

B. Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Evaluation Instrument (Anderson)

Question regarding procedure regarding proposed changes to faculty evaluation being in compliance with Faculty Senate By-laws to have a General Faculty vote on documents. Senator Anderson raised the concern that we are not in compliance with Faculty Handbook and Section 1 of the By-laws of in terms of moving the documentation through proper channels and vote by the faculty.

Motion to table this matter through to the next meeting: A. Mudrinich Second: P. Morgan

Aye: 30 Nay: 1 Abstain: 1

VII. New Business

A. Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching with Multiple-Modalities for Online Education

Motion to create ad hoc committee to recommend accommodations for students with special circumstances in a modality different from the one listed on the schedule: P. Omunga Second: E. Nojang

Motion approved via chat

Dr. Bowden voted as chair to populate the remainder of the committee: Moved: K. Aites

Second: I. Korovyakovskaya Aye: 20 Abstain: 4

B. Discussion of COVID-19 numbers

Presentation of graph with COVID-19 numbers since start of Spring semester showing exponential increases. Data forwarded to COVID Taskforce. Taskforce will take under advisement. President Ballard-Washington fielded faculty questions.

Limit opportunities for students to gather on campus is one measure already being implemented.

VII. Announcements

Friends of African American Arts annual exhibition Feb-March Kennedy Fine Arts Center Gallery  
Regional Science and Engineering Technology will be Virtual this year on Feb 13th.

IX. Adjournment – 5:47pm