

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
North Carolina A&T State University
Academic Classroom Building (A101)
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
3:00 p.m.

Tony Graham, President Presiding

Senate Members Present: Fafanya Asiseh, Ronnie Bailey, Sherrie Cannoy, Temeka Carter, Albert Esterline, Bonnie Fields, Galen Foresman, Roger Gagnon, Tony Graham, Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, Louis Jackai, Floyd James, Alvin Keyes, John Kizito, Roland Leak, Robert Li, Jianzhong Lou, Patrick Martin, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Ademe Mekonnen, Elizabeth Newcomb, Ceola Ross Baber, Octavious Spruill, David Tidwell, Lewis Waller, Hong Wang, Cindy Waters, Jenora Waterman, Patricia Whitfield, Sheila Whitley.

Departments Not Represented: Chemistry; English; Mathematics; Political Science; Sociology and Social Work; Industrial and Systems Engineering; Computational Science and Engineering; Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Human Performance and Leisure Studies; Electronics, Computer, and Information Technology; Graphic Design Technology; Applied Engineering Technology; Army ROTC; Air Force ROTC.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tony Graham, President Presiding.

Approval of Minutes

It was properly moved and seconded to approve the October 27, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

Senate Welcome

Dr. Tony Graham

Dr. Graham extended greetings and thanked everyone for their presence. He noted that the agenda is abbreviated by design. The Senate's guests are Chancellor Harold L. Martin, Sr., and Provost Joe B. Whitehead, Jr. The Chancellor and Provost's visit to the Senate follows two faculty forums; school/college town hall meetings; and external and internal reporting on the University's restructuring initiative. Today, senators have an additional opportunity to dialogue directly with the Chancellor and Provost on any concern(s) they would like to address. Senators were encouraged to share feedback with their constituencies. The floor was open for conversation.

Below is a partial listing of faculty comments and/or concerns addressed by Chancellor Martin and Provost Whitehead. A recording of full Senate Meeting video (with dialogue) can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1GNIw2F>

- Status of the University's Post Tenure Review Policy
 - Pending Review by Board of Trustees
- Chapter four of the Faculty Handbook

- Term limits for senators and name change for Senate President to Senate Chair scheduled to go before Board of Trustees at its November 2015 meeting
- Bases for departmental relocations, i.e. computer science, human development and services; animal sciences – what precipitated the restructuring and what was level of involvement of units on campus
- Future direction of the University beyond 2020
- Performance evaluations
- Effectiveness of restructuring at other peer institutions and what was the outcome
- Is there another institution that has gone through what A&T is going through re restructuring?
- Establishment of additional Ph.D. programs and moving through the process
- What is the official classification of the University?
 - Doctoral intensive campus
- Where do we go from here? What is the timeframe for restructuring?
- Will restructuring affect the new engineering building plans?
 - We might have to take short term pain for long term gain
- How do we strategically hire in order not to fight the retirement battle again?
- Campus security
- Budgeting – Do deans have full responsibility to manage their budgets along with department heads?
- Endowed Professorships
- Enrollment Growth

Dr. Graham thanked Chancellor Martin and Provost Whitehead for their presence. He encouraged senators to go back and report to their colleagues about the session. Dr. Graham stressed that the Senate is to assist the Chancellor and Provost in making this University even greater. A wonderful Thanksgiving was extended to all.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 26, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in Academic Classroom Building (A101)

Nina R. Ingram
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