

North Carolina A&T State University

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

3:00 p.m.

2014 Smith Hall

Dr. Linda Florence Callahan, President Presiding

Senate Members Present: Elizabeth Barber, Diane Birch, Shearon Brown, Linda Florence Callahan, LeAnder Canady, Betty Chapman, David Chen, Robert Cobb, Roy Coomans, Dwedor Ford, Samuel Garren, Tony Graham, Wendy Hamblet, Julius Harp, Floyd James, Kenrett Jefferson-Moore, Ibraheem Kateeb, Roland Leak, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Valerie McMillan, Radiah Minor, Francene Moore, Comfort Okpala, Janis M. Oldham, Lt. Col. Robert Payne, Jr., Deborah Prentice, Xiuli Qu, Michael Roberto, Jerono Rotich, Messiha T. Saad, Brian Sims, Hong Wang, Lijun Wang.

Departments Not Represented: Political Science, Sociology and Social Work, Energy Environmental Systems, Chemical and Bioengineering, Civil, Architectural, and Agricultural Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Computational Science and Engineering, Manufacturing Systems, Army ROTC.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Dr. Linda Florence Callahan, President Presiding.

A moment of silence

Approval of the Minutes (January 24, 2012)

The January Minutes were unanimously approved and passed.

Callahan Comments

- Dr. Callahan gave an overview of the Agenda.
- Dr. Callahan asked senators to alert their students, faculty and friends to vote for Re-tool Your School at <http://retoolyourschool.com/vote-now.aspx>

SPEAKERS

Dr. Scott Simkins, of the General Education Committee, gave an update on the new General Education program. There have been submitted and accepted too few courses for fulfilling the new Gen Ed program thus far; 70+ courses were submitted with many requiring revisions to meet SACS requirements. Course submission was originally given a strict deadline early in term, but this remains an ongoing process and courses should be submitted as they are prepared for meeting Gen Ed needs. It is not yet clear that we will be ready for a Fall 2012 launch of the new

Gen Ed program, but we shall continue to move forward as though the date were firm, while we await the decision by the Chancellor and Provost. Dr. Floyd James voiced a concern that the subcategories of the new Learning Outcomes had not been submitted to Faculty Senate for approval before being put into use.

Mrs. Barbara J. Ellis, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology/CIO, gave an overview presentation on “Campus Information Technology Update” to acquaint senators with current and upcoming changes in IT on campus. Mission, organizational structure, the new A&T website (launched Feb. 27), IT governance committee, VOIP roll-out (reaching completion), new air conditioners in Data Center, fall 2012 plan for new UPS and generator, Blackboard upgrade to 9.1 (with mobile phone app coming in fall 2012), Lotus Notes upgrade to 8.5 (adding mobility), Faculty Resource Center at Wendover Avenue facility (available for faculty use) are a few of the highlighted announcements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Programs and Curricula Committee, **Dr. Brian C. Sims**, chair

Approved and passed by the Faculty Senate were the following curricula changes:

- 1) Computer Science- 1 new course
- 2) Management- 2 course changes
- 3) Marketing & Trans./Supply Chain- 5 course changes; redesign and renaming of Transportation/Supply Chain Management Concentration
- 4) Mathematics- 1 new course
- 5) Human Performance & Leisure Studies- 5 new courses; 21 course changes; graduation credit hours reduction
- 6) English- 5 new courses

Announcements

March 27, 2012 @ 3 p.m. -The next Faculty Senate Meeting, Smith Hall, Room 2014.

Dr. Floyd James alerted us that senators would vote on the proposed +/- grading system in next meeting. Senate sub-committee elections will soon take place as well.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Professor Wendy C. Hamblet
Secretary