

North Carolina A&T State University

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

3:00 p.m.

2014 Smith Hall

Dr. Linda Florence Callahan, President Presiding

Senate Members Present: Taher Abu-lebdeh, Elizabeth Barber, Shearon Brown, Linda Florence Callahan, LeAnder Canady, Horlin Carter, David Chen, Roy Coomans, Paula Faulkner, Samuel Garren, Wendy Hamblet, Julius Harp, Floyd James, Ibraheem Kateeb, Roland Leak, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Valerie McMillan, Francene Moore, Comfort Okpala, Janis Oldham, Michael Roberto, Jerono Rotich, Messiha Saad, Nancy Scroggs, Brian Sims, Derick Smith, Lijun Wang, Hong Wang.

Departments Not Represented: Sociology and Social Work, Energy Environmental Systems, Chemical and Bioengineering, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Computational Science and Engineering, Animal Sciences, Accounting, Business Education, Graphic Communication Systems and Technological Studies, Manufacturing Systems, Army ROTC, Air Force ROTC.

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

A moment of silence

Approval of the Minutes (November 22, 2011)

The November Minutes were unanimously approved and passed.

Callahan Comments

- Dr. Callahan gave an overview of the Agenda.
- Dr. Callahan described the Chancellor's new "Program for Student Success," a task force charged to develop strategies for supporting student academic achievement. This task force will report its findings to the Senate.
- Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management has been named. Ms. Akua Matherson has accepted the assignment.
- Faculty Handbook Committee and Educational Policy Committee were asked to meet immediately following adjournment.

SPEAKERS

“Domestic Violence and Campus Safety”

Dr. Melody Pierce, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Mr. Glen Newell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Safety - Chief of Police

Dr. Judy Rashid, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs - Dean of Students

Mr. Marc Williams, Deputy General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs

Dr. Vivian Barnette, Director of Counseling Services

Ms. Betty Young, Asst. Director of the Student Health Center - Operations and Compliance

Ms. Yvonne Parks, Nursing Supervisor, Student Health Center

Ms. Peggy Oliphant, Director of Veterans and Disability Support Services

The above prestigious host of specialists from A&T addressed the Senate regarding campus best practices for dealing with suspected cases of intimate abuse and other dangerous situations on campus and off. All reports of a threatening nature must be reported to campus police and appropriate authorities. All faculty will receive folders, “Faculty/Staff 9-1-1 Guides”, with detailed information about procedures in the case of violence and distress situations on campus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Dr. Sims urged that any future proposals be brought through the committee as soon as possible to reach approval within the current year. Approved and passed by the Faculty Senate were the following curricula changes:

- 1) Economics & Finance - 10 course changes and 2 new concentrations
- 2) Nursing - 11 new courses, changes to BSN completion option and change in credit hours for graduation
- 3) English/Speech Communications - 12 course changes and new certificate in Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
- 4) History - 6 new courses and 2 course changes
- 5) Human Performance & Leisure Studies - 4 new courses and 7 course changes.

Faculty Assembly Report, Dr. Floyd James and Dr. Janis Oldham, delegates

The recent meeting of the Faculty Assembly confirmed that revenues within the system have increased but these will be redirected to cover other shortfalls and not benefit education in the state. Cuts are still being sought on all UNC system campuses and each is being asked to become creative across institutions, sharing services among universities, seeking alumnae funding and other private support and taking pains to check residency of student enrollees. Dr. Oldham reported that the UNC system is one of the highest funded state university systems in the country. A 10% cap on tuition increases will hold firm. Work groups will be assigned to judge the performance of individual schools, measuring retention rates (freshmen through sophomore), degree efficiency rates, including 6-year graduation rates, management efficiency, classroom utilization, research performance, and response in areas of national need. The POPE Foundation,

a politically motivated action group, gave a report on the UNC system which included many questionable claims and inaccuracies that reflected poorly on the system. NC Policy Watch reported that by 2018, 59% of jobs will require a university degree, but most of UNC universities will be unprepared to meet the burgeoning demand. Dr. Michael Roberto raised the issue of pay inequity, noting the widening gap in faculty pay from department to department across our campus, with particularly grave implications for the College of Arts and Sciences, at a time of increased General Education burden on the college.

Announcements

Feb. 28, 2012 @ 3 p.m. -The next Faculty Senate Meeting, Smith Hall, Room 2014

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Professor Wendy C. Hamblet
Secretary