

**North Carolina A&T State University**

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 22, 2011**

**3-5:10 p.m.**

**2014 Smith Hall**

**Dr. Linda Florence Callahan, President Presiding**

**Senate Members Present:** Taher Abu-lebdeh, Elizabeth Barber, Shearon Brown, Terrall Bryan, Linda Florence Callahan, LeAnder Canady, Betty Chapman, David Chen, Robert Cobb, Roy Coomans, Dwedor Ford, Samuel Garren, Wendy Hamblet, Julius Harp, Floyd James, Kenrett Jefferson-Moore, Ibraheem Kateeb, Roland Leak, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Valerie McMillan, Radiah Minor, Comfort Okpala, Janis Oldham, Robert Payne, Brandis Phillips, Xiuli Qu, Michael Roberto, Jerono Rotich, Messiha Saad, Brian Sims, Derick Smith, Octavious Spruill, Lijun Wang, Hong Wang.

**Departments Not Represented:** Sociology and Social Work, Energy Environmental Systems, Chemical and Bioengineering, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Construction Management and Safety, Manufacturing Systems, Army ROTC.

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

**A moment of Silence**

**Approval of the Minutes (October 25, 2011)**

The October Minutes were accepted and approved.

**Callahan Comments**

- Dr. Callahan gave an overview of the agenda, reminding us of the Senate Floating Holiday Reception, to be held at the Senate House, 201 Nocho St. on Dec. 2, 2011.
- She also reported on the Board of Trustees Meeting. This meeting is open to the public for any who wish to attend. The Board approved a 10% tuition increase, which will now proceed to GA for their approval. Academic Policies are posted on line, for faculty review and comment. Dr. Callahan recognized the prestigious White House recognition for mentoring in STEM, awarded to Dr. Soloman Bililign.

**SPEAKERS**

- **Mr. Lester Lugo**, Registrar, **Dr. James Gooch**, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and **Ms. Sherri Avent**, Director, Financial Aid, “Summer Semester Proposal”  
The Senators were alerted to changes in the naming of the summer session. The summer will be a single term, rather than two sessions, with no other changes to the schedule.

This change helps students in their financial aid planning. They hope to receive approval for this change in time for summer 2012, but it may not be until 2013. A concern was voiced that the change seems to enable a greater possibility of students overloading their schedule.

- **Dr. Craig Rhodes**, NCAA Certification Chair and Katrechia Louis Verrett, Associate Athletic Director, spoke about the NCAA assessment that is currently underway. This assessment occurs every ten years and is an opportunity to ensure that athletes are both safe and academically performing. It comprises a self-assessment by university personnel who evaluate policies and practices, identify compliance concerns and then determine a timeline for addressing those concerns. Certification allows athletes to participate in NCAA games. Ms. Verrett verified that no athlete should miss more than 6 classes in any one class, and no more than a total of 10 absences in all classes of the term.
- **Drs. Mary Smith and Scott Simkins**, of the General Education Committee, fielded final discussion of the new Gen. Ed. plan. Then the Senate voted on the plan, with no timeline for implementation. The plan passed with unanimous approval of the Senate.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- New Programs and Curricula Committee, **Dr. Brian C. Sims**, chair  
Dr. Sims reported the following and recommended approval:
  - 1) Journalism & Mass Communication – 5 new courses; 23 course changes; 1 new concentration: Multimedia Pattern
  - 2) Sociology & Social Work – 1 new course
  - 3) History – Minor in Military Leadership
  - 4) Liberal Studies – 11 new courses
  - 5) Nanoengineering – 12 new courses

All curricula proposals were passed unanimously.

- Educational Policy, **Dr. Roy Coomans**, chair  
The General Education Council will be a new advisory committee overseeing the General Education Program, under the Provost. Council will be composed of 15 members, 3 from Faculty Senate, 1 from each of School of Agriculture, School of Business and Economics, School of Education, College of Engineering, School of Nursing, School of technology and 6 from various departments of the College of Arts and Sciences. Terms of members will be two years for members, one year for its Chair, and elections will be staggered to permit continuity of the council. Representatives will be elected in the last department meeting of the spring term. Timetable to begin is still unclear.

After some discussion, a motion to approve proposal, with deletion of names of clusters, was moved and properly seconded.

Faculty Assembly Report, **Dr. Floyd James** and **Dr. Janis Oldham**, delegates Faculty Assembly Meeting held in Chapel Hill, November 4, 2011. Assembly heard report on various emergency planning, satisfactory academic progress - good academic standing policy, repeat and replacement course policy and drop policy. President Ross' address included statements on tuition increase and budgeting.

Dr. Roberto requested that Senators have a discussion on tuition increase during the spring semester. He stated that there is a need to discuss participatory budgeting.

Plus/Minus Update, **Dr. Floyd James**

Written feedback should continue to be forwarded to Dr. James. He will process all comments. A vote on the Plus/Minus Grading System will take place at a later time.

**Announcements**

- *Dec. 1, Last Day of Class*
- *Dec. 2, Reading Day*
- *Dec. 2, Senate Open House and Reception, 201 Nocho St.*
- *Dec. 2, Chancellor's Holiday Celebration, 8-12 midnight, Mem. Student Union*
- *Dec. 5-9, Exam Week*
- *Dec. 9, 2011, Waste Management and Global Studies Certificate Ceremony*
- *Dec. 10, Commencement*
- *Dec. 13 @ 11.59 p.m., Final Grades are Due*
- *Jan. 24, 2012 @ 3 p.m.-The next Faculty Senate Meeting, Smith Hall Auditorium*

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Professor Wendy C. Hamblet  
Secretary