

FACULTY SENATE COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Minutes

Members in attendance:

At large Members

Allard, Joanne
Broome, Carolyn
Byerly, Carolyn
Carr, Greg
Middendorf, George
O'Neil, Jahn
Smith, Sonya
Tharakan, John
Tibbits, Mercedes

Officers

Wright, Richard, Chair
Sobrian, Sonya K., Vice-Chair
Hall Brown, Tyish, Secretary

Trustee Representatives

Echols, Marsha
Garuba, Moses

Immediate Past Chair

Broome, Taft

School/College Reps & Alts

Alfred, Marcus (Rep)
Cunningham, E. Christi (Rep)
Davila-Garcia, Martha (Rep)
Farquharson, Andre (Alt)
Kelly, Lynn (Alt)
Kumar, Krishna (Rep)

School/College Reps & Alts

Majied, Kamilah (Rep)
Mosleh, Mohsen (Rep)
Oyemade Bailey, Ura Jean (Alt)
Sturgis, Ingrid (Alt)
Walters, Eric (Alt)

✚ Welcome

- Richard Wright, Chair, called meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

✚ Approval of Agenda

- Motion was made to adjust the order of the agenda to ensure that the steering committee election could be held with a quorum present.
- Motion accepted by majority vote
- Agenda approved with revised order

✚ Review and Approval of Minutes Council Meeting of 3-31-2017

- Minutes reviewed and accepted as written

✚ Officers' Overview

- Chair shared his priorities, which include:
 - Commitment to restoring faculty engagement

- Working with President and Provost to facilitate understanding of mutual collaboration particularly with President and Board of Trustees
- Establish sustained and meaningful contact with colleagues
- Establish Faculty Senate website as a dynamic entity of the University

- Chair engaged in the following activities:
 - Discussed meetings with President and Provost both of whom expressed a desire to partner with the Faculty Senate.
 - Received briefing from co-chairs of Program Prioritization Task Force (PPTF)
 - Appointed four Faculty Senate members to PPTF; Professors Eric Walters, George Littleton, Leslie Lawrence, & Eleanor King
 - Addressed Council of Deans
 - Presented at New Faculty Orientation
 - Appointed by the President to the Interview Committee to review candidates for new Chief Compliance Officer

- Discussed Faculty Senate Handbook Committee:
 - Intention to disband current FS Handbook Committee and reconstitute it with the Provost Working Group Members
 - Concern was raised with the process of accepting what the Provost produces, thereby negating previous faculty vote on an earlier version
 - Procedures were emphasized that outline the process for revising subsequent handbooks. It was stated that utilizing the Provost's Working Group in lieu of the FS Handbook Committee would be in violation of the rules.
 - Concern was expressed about having a single Faculty Senate Handbook Committee operating at two levels of review
 - Chair expressed his intention to delay action on reconstituting the Faculty Senate Handbook Committee

✚ **Election of Steering Committee**

- Ballots were distributed, recollected and revised to include both Representative and Alternates as candidates for elections

- A call was made for all those who declined to be considered
- Members voted by secret ballot, with votes counted after the meeting was concluded with the participation of Tyish S. Hall Brown, Sonya K. Sobrian, Joanne Allard and Ura Jean Oyemade Bailey

✚ **Officers' Overview Continued**

Sonya Sobrian, Vice Chair

- Commitment to reinvigorate committees
- Focus on revisions & updates to current by-laws
- Committee tasks/reports would reflect Issues Agenda
- A Council member would serve as a liaison with each Committee
- Raised concern that current FS by-laws are not approved by the Board of Trustees.
- It was noted that the Faculty Senate can check with the Office of the University Assistant Secretary, where all approved policies and documents are housed.

Tyish Hall Brown, Secretary

- Organize and transform FS office into an active resource for the academy.
- Improve Website through updating current material and adding new resources for faculty
- Re-organize office by improving administrative capacity (i.e. adding a graduate assistant), technical capacity (i.e. Electronic voting, transcribing/archiving minutes, conference calling, projection, etc.), and maximizing use of current physical space

✚ **Old Business**

- Faculty Senate Council should receive an update from the BAC Representatives

✚ **New Business: Diverse Array of Issues for Future Consideration**

- Faculty Senate Office has no Operating Budget. Officers are developing a Budget Proposal for review.

- Chair discussed a commitment for expanded engaging, and more interactive Senate Communicator. Solicited volunteers for the position of Editor of the Communicator.
- Need to address University wide IT problems
- Concern regarding infrastructure and fiscal issues (lack of budgets)
- Issues with new parking costs, 9mos/12mos faculty
- Request for Council to meet with the Academic Excellence Committee of the Board
- Need for faculty involvement in strategic planning of the university as well as allocation of its resources
- FS should contribute to social discourse by providing stance on current events and getting involved in student efforts (i.e., Harvey, Charlottesville and racial violence).
- Kamilah Majied volunteered to write a statement on racial violence for review by the Council
- Rapid Response group should be formed to deal with these types of issues
- Faculty Senate should engage in such issues through website, social media, and FS Communicator
- General sharing of prospective as Convocation speaker. Council Members emphasized the significance of Faculty input into the identification of invited speakers for Convocation, Commencement of other special occasion speaking engagements.
- Noted that Comey is scheduled for several speaking engagements throughout the academic year. It was suggested that additional speakers be considered to participate in the series. The name of Eric Holder was highlighted in particular.

✦ **Two Meeting Announcements**

- Next meeting of the Council is set for Tuesday, September 19th from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Ralph Bunche Center
- Full Senate Meeting is set for Wednesday, November 1st, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Blackburn Center

✦ **Adjournment**

Steering Committee 2017 Election Results – September 1, 2017

Name	School/College	Tally	Nominated
Kelly, Lynn (Alt)	Business	15	Elected to Steering Committee
Alfred, Marcus (Rep)	COAS	16	Elected to Steering Committee
Carr, Greg (At Large)	COAS	11	Tie Vote for Steering Committee
Tibbits, Mercedes (At Large)	COAS	11	Tie Vote for Steering Committee
Byerly, Carolyn (At Large)	Communications	14	Elected to Steering Committee
Farquharson, Andre (Alt)	Dentistry	12	Elected to Steering Committee
Al'Ugdah, Shareefa (Rep)	Education	10	Elected to Steering Committee
Smith, Sonya (At large)	Engineering	22	Elected to Steering Committee
Mosleh, Mohsen (Rep)	Engineering	16	Elected to Steering Committee
cunningham, e. christi (Rep)	Law	21	Elected to Steering Committee
Walters, Eric (Alt)	Medicine	14	Elected to Steering Committee
Kumar, Krishna (Rep)	Pharmacy	16	Elected to Steering Committee
Majied, Kamilah (Rep)	Social Work	15	Elected to Steering Committee
Wright, Richard, Chair	Communications		
Sobrian, Sonya K., Vice-Chair	Medicine		
Hall Brown, Tyish S., Secretary	Medicine		