

**Delta State University**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**Thursday, February 11, 2010**  
**3:30 p.m., Union 302**

**Members present:**

Ellen Green	Jeannie Falkner	Tony Grice
Catherine Hayes	Stephen Patton	Anjanette Powers
Dan McFall	Eckward McKnight	D. Allan Mitchell
Debarashmi Mitra	Robyn Moore	Brett Oleis
Stephen Patton	Patricia Roberts	Duane Shuttlesworth
Subu Swaminathan		

Absent: Nina Baghai-Riding, James Brown, Tricia Walker, Kathy Davis, Miriam Davis, Lawrence Magee, Leslie Horton, Douglas Mark, Sandy Huerta

**Guests:**

Ann Lotven, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**I. Agenda Approved.**

**II. Minutes from the January 14, 2009 Regular Meeting Approved.**

**III. President's Report**

President Roberts discussed information related to the Faculty Senate IHL Resolution and issues related to the presentations on the budget and UBC conducted across campus by Dr. Lotven and Mr. Greg Redlin

**IV. Report from Staff Council**

Christi Montesi reported on staff council employee of the month and staff recognition, the monthly staff development activity and the proposed Workshop, Understanding Today's College Students in April

**Report from Graduate Studies Council**

Senator McFall stated that temporary graduate faculty were approved and that he has concerns related to the use of adjunct or less qualified persons to replace the loss of fulltime faculty members

**Report from BPAC**

Past-President Hebert stated that the committee had not met

**Report from the Budget Committee**

Senator Mitchell reported that campus presentations had been made by Dr. Lotven and Mr. Redlin and made motion that the Senate go into Executive

Session to discuss the matter further and the conclusion of the agenda; motion was approved

## **V. Committee Reports:**

### **Committee on Elections:**

Chair Mitchell reported that the committee is preparing lists to go out to each division and department to verify faculty eligible for election to the Senate

### **Committee on University Standing Committees:**

Chair Falkner stated there she had no report

### **Committee on Technology:**

Chair Swaminathan reported that the GIS is mapping the campus infrastructure

### **Committee on University Services:**

Chair Green stated there the review and revisions of the forms used to evaluate the DSU President and Provost is ongoing

### **Committee on General Academic Affairs:**

Chair Horton was not present.

## **VI. Provost Question Time**

President Roberts ask Provost Lotven for her comments on the questions:

1. What is the future commitment to increasing faculty salaries as slated in the schedule that began in 2008-2009 contract year? Does the administration plan to earmark any of the tuition increase to fund these scheduled increases? Dr. Lotven stated that there is no set aside and that tuition will go to offset the deficit and that there is a strong commitment to the long range but no timeline
2. How will the task force on online evaluations address such issues as identity protection, delivery method, and multiple submissions? Dr. Lotven stated that a task force had been set up to review documents used for online evaluations and that review is ongoing and, there is a possibility that Institutional Research can load all evaluations into each course shell, and evaluation software programs are being looked into but the cost could be \$35,000

## **VII. Old Business:**

### **Resolution by the Faculty Senate of Delta State University of Cleveland, Mississippi, Calling for Changes in the Current Methods for Online Evaluations Completed by Students**

Senator Hayes stated that the issues related to the Resolution: to guarantee the anonymity of student participants in online evaluation of courses, issues related to possible multiple submissions by responders and been, and use of other software programs had been addressed and she withdrew the Resolution

## **VII. New Business**

### **Resolution on Proposed changes by IHL to Tenure Notice of Termination Timeline**

Senator Mitchell made motion to suspend the rules to allow consideration of the Resolution. Motion approved. Dr Lotven stated that she did not believe that the item would be on the IHL's agenda at the next meeting and that DSU had expressed to the IHL its wish to remain with the current policy; following discussion the Resolution was approved

### **Duplication of effort in MADD and Annual Evaluation documents**

Senator Shuttlesworth discussed the redundancy in the formats and if it is tied to SACS, what was the policy before MADD, why do it if there is no money for raises; Dr. Lotven responded that SACS requires an annual review of competency and with the chair and that IHL requires post tenure review - that the current process has been in place for 3 years and that we are not wed to it and could create a task force to review it

### **Staff Council Workshop**

Mrs. Montesi invited the Senate to participate with the workshop in April, no funding is requested; motion was made and approved; Senator McKnight with work with Mrs. Montesi on this effort

### **Yearbook Status Update**

Senator McKnight stated that Linda Ross has told him that the yearbook has been cancelled for this year, that the activity fee does not pay for each student a yearbook (they are free) and that she would like funds from the Senate to help make up the necessary monies to go ahead with producing the yearbook; following discussion it was concluded by the Senate that the Constitution does not provide for contributions

### **Faculty Senate Party**

President Elect Senator McKnight will host a party for the Senate and Proxies at his home following the March 11th Senate meeting - no DSU funds are being used for the event

### **Discussion of Three-Year DSU Business Plan**

Withdrawn

### **Executive Session**

## **VIII. Adjournment.**

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hayes, Secretary  
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