

**Delta State University
Faculty Senate
Thursday, May 7, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Union 302**

Members present:

Patricia Roberts	Ellen Green	Catherine Hayes
David Hebert	Don Allen Mitchell	Adam Lynde
Sandy Huerta	Dan McFall	Douglas Mark
Vicki Webster	Leslie Horton	Katherine Davis
Debarashmi Mitra	Robyn Moore	Mark Snyder
Subramanian Swaminathan		

Staff council representative:

Christy Montesi

Guest:

Ann Lotven, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Elsie Lynn Ervin, Director CART Program

- I. Approval of Agenda.** Approved
- II. Approval of Minutes from the May 1, 2009 Regular Meeting.** Approved.
- III. Guest Speaker** Mrs. Ervin briefed the Senate about the CART program mandated by IHL. The CART team assesses students who are recommended for evaluation through an anonymous email method and assists students in obtaining resources for emotional or behavioral needs.
- IV. President's Report.**
 - President Roberts reported that the Cabinet approved the Senate's request that spouse tuition reimbursement be reinstated and the program will begin Summer I 2009
 - A walking trail in being developed at Pinkerton Park
 - Academic Council has approved travel requests
 - Senate Summer Meeting Dates: June 11th and July 9th with Executive Council meeting May 14th, June 18th, and July 16th
- V. Staff Council Report.**
 - Christy Montesi reported that staff evaluations have been conducted and that Staff Council is requesting that evaluations of immediate supervisors be conducted in the future

- Staff Development Day will be May 19th and tee-shirts are being sold to provide funds for this event

VI. Committee reports:

Committee on Elections:

- Chair D. Allen Mitchell reported that elections to fill proxy vacancies for Math and Music Departments will be held in early Fall 2009 semester and that GSI proxy will be Talbot Brooks

Committee on University Standing Committees:

- Chair Adam Lynde reported that a review of existing university committees is under way to determine the number of members on committees, number of meetings per academic year, length of meetings, possible overlap of committee roles or duties, and reminded Senators that faculty should be aware that committee membership is a part of service to the university

Committee on Technology:

- Chair Swaminathan reported that Beverly Fratesi has been contacted to provide the new chair with access to the Senate website and that a proposal has been submitted the Governor's office through the Federal Recovery Act for funding to upgrade the university's broadband capability

Committee on University Services:

- Chair Green reported that one resolution will be held over relating to the potential use of the DSU golf course should it be decommissioned

Committee on General Academic Affairs:

- Chair Horton reported that two resolutions will be held over relating to revision of examination schedule and the Writing Proficiency Examination

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business

- President Roberts reported that she and Vice-President Lotven are discussing possible ways to streamline the process for faculty to obtain keys to the faculty lounge and that an Ad Hoc Committee has been formed by President-Elect McKnight with Dr. Phyllis Bunn ask to serve as an ex officio member

IX. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn approved

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Hayes, Secretary