

**DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**June Meeting**

**June 14, 2007**

**SENATORS PRESENT:**

**Vicki Hartley**

**Phyllis Bunn**

**Mark Bonta**

**Greg Hospodor**

**Sheryl Stump**

**Duane Shuttlesworth**

**Dan McFall**

**Yass Kobayashi**

**Emily Weaver**

**Edith Cameron**

**McMillen**

**Marilyn Schultz**

**Tommy Sledge**

**Darry Hardy**

**Gloria Brister**

**Nina L. Baghai-Riding**

**Malcolm McEwen**

**Donna Banks**

**John Alvarez**

**Jeff N. Smithpeters**

**Jeanne Falkner**

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Hospodor at 3:30 PM.

**I. Approval of agenda.** Senator Sledge made the motion to approve the agenda and Senator Hardy seconded.

**II. Approval of minutes.** Senator Sledge made the motion to approve the May 3, 2007 minutes and Senator McEwen seconded.

**III. Confirmation of Phyllis Bunn as Senate President for 2007-2008.** Senator Hardy made the motion to elect Phyllis Bunn as Senate President by acclamation. Senator Sledge seconded. Motion was passed without objection.

**IV. Chair's report.** President Bunn reported on meetings with Cabinet on May 30 and June 11, 2007. On May 30, administrative changes were announced. These are posted on the DSU website.

At the June 11, 2007 meeting, budget issues were discussed including faculty salary and merit pay. President Bunn provided copies of the document presented. It was announced that University Committee assignments will be coordinated with the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office. Other issues included Freshman and Transfer Orientation, IT replacement cycles, Academic Council and Cabinet retreats and Goals for DSU from IHL.

President Bunn also met with incoming staff council chair, Rori Herbison and represented the Senate at a number of official gatherings.

The President's report is attached.

**V. Committee reports** – Committees met briefly to select chairs and to discuss upcoming issues

**VI. Report from Staff Council**

Emily Weaver reported on Staff Council day, May 24<sup>th</sup>. At the picnic, Excellence in Service winners were announced. There will be 9 awards annually. This year, seven of

the awards were given. Chair Weaver reminded the Senate of the Employee of the Month awards. Elections for Staff Council are in the fall.

## **VII. New Business**

1. **Graduating senior grades:** A proposal was presented from Division of Biological and Physical Sciences regarding early submission of senior grade. Senator McEwen introduced the topic and Senator Proxy Baghai- Riding elaborated. Discussion included the following points:
  - Senator Schultz: suggested that consensus exists and resolution is called for
  - Past Chair Bonta: suggested that faculty historically has been hesitant to change and that students are opposed
  - Senator Sledge: stated that we are one of the few schools that give an actual diploma at graduation
  - It was suggested that the Senate poll faculty and get administrative input
  - Senator McEwen: refer to General Academic Affairs committee
  - President Bunn: Registrar stated that it is not his decision and that we should talk to Academic Affairs
  - Senator Hardy: stated that this would be a burden on the Registrar's office
  - Senator McFall: Asked if we are the only university to give diploma at graduation
  - Senator Hartley; Suggested it is a matter of academic standards, not administrative convenienceA motion was made by Senator McEwen to refer the matter to Academic Affairs Committee. Seconded by Senator Schultz. Motion passed.
  
2. **Summer I session Schedule: Senator McEwen** asked for information on change in number of days in Summer I. Past Chair Bonta explained it was a result of changes in the Fall schedule to accommodate a Fall break and a longer Thanksgiving. It was also explained that the addition of intercession courses and the need of graduate students in education necessitated making each summer session fit into a single month. It was suggested that the class periods are longer so that requirements are met by number of class minutes, not sessions.

## **VIII. Meeting Schedule:**

1. **Motion was made by Senator Sledge to cancel July meeting of Senate. Seconded by Senator Hardy. Motion passed.**
2. **Senator Brister made a motion to move August meeting to August 23. Senator Smithpeters seconded. Motion passed.**
3. **Paul Hankins, chair of student engagement committee will be invited to August meeting to discuss GST 600 course. Senators will talk to faculty about provisions of this required program.**