

**Delta State University  
Faculty Senate  
Thursday, April 8, 2010  
3:30 p.m., Union 302**

**Members present:**

Nina Baghai Riding	James Brown
Kathy Davis	Ellen Green
Miriam Davis	D. Allan Mitchell
Eckward McKnight	Lawrence Magee
Debarashmi Mitra	Tricia Walker
Stephen Patton	Patricia Roberts
Duane Shuttlesworth	Subu Swaminathan
Jeannie Falkner	

Absent: James Brown, Miriam Davis, Leslie Horton, Lynn Varner

**Guests:** Clint Wood and Bill Hays, Coalition to Save DSU

**I. Agenda Approved.**

**II. Minutes from the March 11, 2010 Regular Meeting Approved.**

**III. President's Report**

President Roberts thanked all outgoing Senators for serving and is looking forward to serving as Past President.

**IV. Report from Staff Council**

The Healthy Campus Community Initiative is ongoing.

**Report from BPAC**

Past-President Hebert had nothing to report.

**Report from the Budget Committee**

President-Elect McKnight reported that the committee had once again started with the academic review, and that the UBC is moving away from ranking academic programs. All 50+ prefixes will be re-reviewed.

**V. Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Elections:**

Chair Mitchell looks forward helping the new chair of Elections acclimate themselves to the job.

**Committee on University Standing Committees:**

Chair Falkner reminded everyone that minutes must be provided to the Provost's office.

**Committee on Technology:**

Chair Swaminathan reported that the current internet slowdown at the University was due to a lightning storm in Greenville.

**Committee on University Services:**

Chair Green stated that the forms used to evaluate the DSU President and Provost are due by April 9<sup>th</sup>. So far, 74 of 188 faculty have responded.

**Committee on General Academic Affairs:**

Chair Horton was not present.

**VI. Old Business**

**Discussion of March 9 Extraordinary Session**

Senators Brown and McGee yielded the floor to Clint Wood, of the Coalition to Save DSU. Dr. Wood respectfully brought up objections to the parliamentary process and procedure of the March 9 extraordinary session. There was a discussion amongst the Senators, both in support and against the results of the March 9 extraordinary session. Bill Hays also raised objections to the proceedings of March 9. There was also a discussion on adding an officially designated parliamentarian to the Senate bylaws. After further discussion, President Elect McKnight respectfully requested the body to proceed to the next item of business.

**New Business**

**Committee on Committees recommend changes**

Chair Faulkner again recommended that the Senate By-Laws be reviewed for possible changes in the policy on University Standing Committees procedure, but withdrew her resolution to change the bylaws.

**Meritorious Achievement Document Discussion**

Senator Shuttlesworth urged the University to consider streamline the MAD process with various departmental efforts of annual review of faculty.

**Pass/fail system discussion**

Senator Baghai-Riding urged the University to consider a pass/fail grading option, specifically for students who are interested in taking courses that are not in their majors.

**IHL Textbook Policy**

The IHL has made recommendations in an effort to drive down textbook prices for students. The search for a DSU Faculty Textbook Czar is ongoing.

**VII. Adjournment.**

Unanimously approved

(Session to elect officers...Eckward---can you provide the minutes, as you conducted the meeting????)

Respectfully submitted, Don Allan Mitchell, Acting Secretary