

Delta State University
Faculty Senate
Thursday, Oct 13, 2011
3:30 p.m., Union 302A

Voting Members present:

William Hays	Patricia Brown	Eckward Mcknight
Ellen S. Green	Nina Baghai-Riding	Brett Oleis
Duane Shuttlesworth	Leigh-Anne Gant	Debarashmi Mitra
Daniel P. Glenn	Clint Tibbs	Stephen Patton
David Hebert	Douglas L. Mark	Anjanette P. Powers

I. Agenda (10-13-11) approved and **Minutes** (09-08-11) approved.

II. President's Report:

- Charles Metcalf passed away this month. – Moment of silence
- Course evaluation workshop announcement.
- Commissioner Hank Bounds is reviewing budget allocations. K-12 has a lot of current political weight.
- Non Resident tuition is being reviewed.
- Faculty development 18 hours in field degree.
- We are looking into a Chief Diversity Officer.
- We have a short fall in travel funding this year.
- Diversity mix-up party on the 18th.
- Split evaluations by course then by professor for courses with multiple professors.

III. Report from Staff Council: No Report – Emily Jones.

IV. Graduate Council: 3 Approvals of Graduate Teaching Faculty.

V. Report from BPAC: National Acrobats of The People's Republic of China

VI. Report from Budget Committee: No Report

VII. Committee on Elections: Ballots need to go out again.

VIII. Committee on University Standing Committees: No Report

IX. Committee on Technology: No Report

X. Committee on University Services: No Report

XI. Committee on General Academic Affairs: We are still examining Tenure and Promotion Document.

XII. Greg Redlin - Vice President for Finance and Administration – Question Time:

Roofs

New roofs have been installed on the **Wyatt Center**, the **Bologna Performing Arts Center**, and **Cleveland Hall**. Additional roof projects soon to be under construction are **Brumby-Castle**, **Capps Archives**, **Gibson Gunn**, **Hugh White Hall**, **Ewing Hall** and the **Hugh Smith Physical Plant Building**.

Housing

A new residence hall, **Foundation Hall**, featuring 362 beds was opened last August. **University Apartments**, a new 32 unit faculty/staff apartment complex, was also opened in the fall of 2010. Both facilities were financed through the Delta State Foundation. Eight university-owned residences located between West Sunflower and the athletic fields on the north campus will be sold this winter and spring. Two of these eight residences, located on Shumate and McClain Avenues, provided hotel accommodations for university guests. **Cassity Hall** will be renovated this winter and two apartments in this building will be used to provide guest accommodations similar to the McClain and Shumate houses.

Academic Building Renovations

The renovation of **Caylor-White-Walters** has been a long standing university priority. The Mississippi legislature provided sufficient funding over the last two years to fully fund the project. Completion date is winter, 2013. A new elevator is about to be installed in **Bailey Hall**. Renovation plans are close to being completed and funding nearly in place to convert **Ward Hall**, a former residence hall, into an administrative and academic support building. New lighting and rigging will soon to be installed in the **BPAC** and **Jobe Hall**.

Athletic Facilities

An anxiously-awaited development known as **Statesmen Boulevard** is in the design phase. This project, funded with federal transportation funds and the City of Cleveland, will route traffic directly to the stadium and athletic fields. The project should be underway next summer or fall. A new video board and other renovations in the **Aquatics Center** are funded as well as a visitors' bathroom and concession facility at **McCool Stadium** and **Parker Field**.

Infrastructure

Drainage in the Delta is a challenge. We are currently working on a project to alleviate drainage issues on the southwest campus. Moreover, the frequency of electrical outages and related electrical system problems are being addressed with the installation of new underground electrical service. Our staff is working with a Memphis engineering firm on several energy conservation projects. A new central air conditioning unit – aka chiller loop – came on line last year. Buildings no longer in use, namely **Fugler-Hammet** and **Cain-Tatum**, and perhaps others, will be demolished and converted to green space next year.

Future Projects

Delta State has three major renovations in the works. Replacement of **Young Mauldin**, our current food service facility, is long overdue. Planning will begin early next year to renovate the **H.L. Nowell Union** and consolidate all food services in that building. Additionally, planning for a major renovation of **Zeigel Hall** and the **Wyatt Center** will begin once funding is available.

-Greg Redlin

This year we will receive a 1/3 of the amount we received from the bond bill in comparison to last year.

When Ward Hall is brought back online it will no longer be a residence hall.

The old pool has an uncertain future. It is severely leaking and the building structure is in poor shape.

At the state level there is a lot of non-reoccurring funding. 213 million in the hole and 107 million in increases. K-12 may acquire a larger percentage of funds and Higher Education may lose some more. There are less federal funds, no summer Pell grants, and a possible tightening of the requirements for Pell grants.

- Greg Redlin

Do you think that low enrollment is linked to tuition increases?

-David Hebert

- XIII. Old Business:** NA
- XIV. New Business:** NA
- XV. Adjournment:** Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Patton, Secretary
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