

01) Voting Members present:

Gokhan Karahan
Pat Brown
Thomas Taylor
Carlyse Meek
Michael Smith
Debra Allen

Ellen Green
Charles Abraham
Talbot Brooks
Margaret Swanson
Brett Oleis
Leslie Fadiga-Stewart

Vicki Webster
Christopher Bounds
Allan Mitchell
David Hebert
Deborah Myers
Clint Tibbs

02) Agenda: Approved. Minutes: 1st by Sen. Mitchell & 2nd by Sen. Swanson - Approved to accept minutes of 11/8/12..

03) Faculty Senate President's Report:

Commencement at 10 AM on Saturday – December 15, 2012. Approx. 400 to graduate with 295 walking. Norris and Brown to speak.

Presidential search: The search committee voted to select members for a subcommittee that will interview candidates in Jackson. The interviewing subcommittee is made up of each of the following members: Chair, faculty member, staff member, alumni, community member, and a student. Applicants will be reviewed by the search committee in January, interviews will take place in February and the selected candidate is planned to be announced by end of February.

Grants awarded to DSU: 3 year Federal grant of \$87,000/year on Suicide/Alcohol and Drug & the College Student and a \$924,000 Math/science grant in Education on Teaching 7th and 8th grade Math.

Delta State University welcomes Davlon Miller as the new director of Career Services.

December 9th the BPAC presents: A Mississippi Delta Holiday featuring Delta Artists – tickets are \$10.00 for Faculty/Staff.

President's Holiday Brunch will be December 15th in the Union, 2nd floor from 10:30-1:00p.

04) University Entities:

Report from Staff Council: Robin Boyles: - No Report

Report from Graduate Council: No Report

Report from BPAC: Sen. Oleis: "December 9th at 3pm – "A Mississippi Delta Holiday." Tickets \$10.00 for Faculty/staff

05) Faculty Senate Committees:

Committee on Elections: Sen. Hebert: To hold one special election for Proxy.

Committee on University Standing Committees: No Report

Committee on Technology: No Report

Committee on University Services: No Report

Committee on General Academic Affairs: Pat Brown; Resolution on the Honor Pledge and follow-up on the 1st-2nd diploma(s).

06) Old Business:

Training session for faculty – when is a threat considered a threat?

Thank you from Dr. Blansett – after last senate meeting there were 7 reports made on the C.A.R.T. system. Planning in progress for Training sessions for faculty/staff to be held in February on handling of threats/situations.

First diploma/second diploma discussion: Policy in the Registrar's office does not address the issue of repeating courses – currently allowing the GPA to guide the selection of this honor. Discussion on the "expungement" of grade on repeats ensued. It was noted that repeat grades are a separate issue and that the wishes of the majority is to change the First diploma/second diploma policy to NOT allow repeated course grades to be calculated in the GPA for a student to receive the honor of First diploma/second diploma.

Honor Pledge – Resolution presented was read. Senators are asked to take back to their departments for input and discussion at the next meeting.

Summer Pay - (Adjunct/Summer/Overload Pay) – No Update. Request to remember to consider these items as 3 separate items.

07) New Business:

Senior Grades – A motion was made by Sen. Hebert, seconded by Sen. Mitchell and approved to bring the resolution on senior grades from last year to the table in January.

08) Adjournment: Motion by Sen. Hebert/Oleis and Approved to adjourn for Holiday treats at 1630.

Executive Committee Meeting Date: 3:30 PM - Tuesday, 01/08/2013 - Faculty Lounge
January Senate meeting Date: 3:30 PM – Thursday, 01/10/2013 – 302A Union