

**Delta State University
Faculty Senate
Thursday, January 14, 2010
3:30 p.m., Union 302**

Members present:

Nina Baghai-Riding	James Brown	Kathy Davis
Miriam Davis	Ellen Green	Jeannie Falkner
Tony Grice	Catherine Hayes	Anjanette Powers
Lawrence Magee	Douglas Mark	Dan McFall
Eckward McKnight	D. Allan Mitchell	Debarashmi Mitra
Brett Oleis	Stephen Patton	Patricia Roberts
Duane Shuttlesworth		

Guests:

Ann Lotven, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

I. Agenda Approved.

II. Minutes from the November 12, 2009 Regular Meeting Approved.

III. President's Report

President Roberts submitted a written report (attached) and discussed the DSU Tobacco Free Policy which will go into effect April 22, 2010, the decrease in enrollment and FTE hours for Spring 2010 semester, the additional budget cuts announced by Governor Barbour, the proposal under discussion at IHL related to notice of termination for faculty, and the evaluation process for Deans and Chairs through faculty email.

IV. Report from Staff Council

Christi Montesi reported on staff council breakfast with the cabinet, the adoption of a needy family at Christmas, and the awarding of four textbook scholarships for staff for the Spring semester.

Report from Graduate Studies Council

Senator McFall stated there was no report

Report from BPAC

Past-President Hebert was not present.

Report from International Student Task Force

Senator Swaminathan was not present.

Report from the Budget Committee

Senator Mitchell reported on the ongoing review of academic units by the UBC, provided information related to the process as the review continues during Spring 2010, and encouraged the university community to access the UBC website for updates.

V. Committee Reports:

Committee on Elections:

Chair Mitchell reported that the HPER senate seat has been filled by Tony Grice.

Committee on University Standing Committees:

Chair Falkner stated there she had received minutes and reports from the Courtesy, Student Organizations, Safety & Environment, Special Programs, and Research Committees and will be contacting any committees that have not yet met.

Committee on Technology:

Chair Swaminathan was not present.

Committee on University Services:

Chair Senator Green stated there was no report

Committee on General Academic Affairs:

Chair Horton was not present.

VI. Provost Question Time

President Roberts ask Provost Lotven for her comments on justification of pay raises received by some DSU administrators (Deans and President Hilpert) considering declining IHL resources. Dr. Lotven's response reiterated her previous comments on this topic concerning alignment of salaries for deans, the need to increase the faculty salary for summer school, and the need to continue to move forward.

VII. Old Business:

President Roberts reported that there was no old business

VII. New Business

Proposed changes by IHL to Tenure Notice of Termination Timeline

President Roberts opened discussion related to the proposed changes to the timeline for notice of termination for faculty by IHL and Mississippi State University President Mark Keenum's public letter stating that he would not alter the current timeline even if the IHL should recommend changes. Following discussion, the Senate agreed unanimously to convey the following message to the Board of the IHL, "The Faculty Senate of Delta

State University strongly urges the IHL to retain the existing policy on timeline notification for tenure and tenure track faculty."

DSU On-line Course Evaluations for Deans and Chairs

President Roberts spoke related to the change from written evaluations by faculty of Deans and Chairs to the new method of online evaluations tied to faculty email accounts and the need to assure anonymity to faculty completing these evaluations

Resolution by the Faculty Senate of Delta State University of Cleveland, Mississippi, Calling for Changes in the Current Methods for Online Evaluations Completed by Students

Senator Hayes introduced on first reading a bill addressing the need to guarantee the anonymity of student participants in online evaluation of courses and faculty and the issues related to possible multiple submissions by responders. Discussion ensued related to student anonymity concerns.

VIII. Adjournment.

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hayes, Secretary

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