

Delta State University
Faculty Senate
Thursday, March 11, 2010
3:30 p.m., Union 302

Members present:

Nina Baghai Riding	Gloria Brister	Talbot Brooks
Kathy Davis	Ellen Green	Jeannie Falkner
Tony Grice	Catherine Hayes	David Hebert
Stephen Patton	Anjanette Powers	Douglas Mark
Eckward McKnight	Lawrence Magee	D. Allan Mitchell
Debarashmi Mitra	Robyn Moore	Brett Oleis
Stephen Patton	Anjanette Powers	Patricia Roberts
Duane Shuttlesworth	Tricia Walker	

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

Guests:

Dr. John Hilpert, President

President Hilpert provided the Senate with an update of his State of the University address given at the beginning of the academic year

I. Agenda Approved.

II. Minutes from the February 11, 2010 Regular Meeting and March 9, 2010 Extraordinary Meeting Approved.

III. President's Report

President Roberts welcomed the new Senators and Proxies and reported that Senator Brett Oleis had been nominated as President-Elect and Senator Stephen Patton had been nominated as Secretary and that a Committee on the Naming of Buildings is being created and how to select members will be discussed by the new senate.

IV. Report from Staff Council

Dana George reported that Dr. Lotven and Mr. Redlin had met with Staff Council related to ongoing budgetary issues

Report from BPAC

Past-President Hebert stated that the committee had met and that a representative of the BPAC was in New York and the current plan is to have six main stage productions for the coming year

Report from the Budget Committee

President-Elect McKnight reported that the committee had begun the review of Athletics

V. Committee Reports:

Committee on Elections:

Chair Mitchell stated he had no report

Committee on University Standing Committees:

Chair Falkner stated that the process of having faculty sign up in Spring semester for University Standing Committees had required that the sign up time be extended into the Fall and that some of the Standing Committees had still either not met or not provided minutes to the Provost's office and that this ongoing issue should be reviewed again

Committee on Technology:

Talbot Brooks (Proxy for GIS) stepped back from the table. Senator Swaminathan (GIS) took his place to provide technology committee report when asked by the senate president.

Chair Swaminathan reported that the Internet upgrade has been completed by OIT.

Senator Swaminathan withdrew back to the audience. Talbot Brooks retook his spot at the meeting.

Committee on University Services:

Chair Green stated there the review and revisions of the forms used to evaluate the DSU President and Provost is ongoing

Committee on General Academic Affairs:

Chair Horton was not present.

VI. New Business

Committee on Committees recommend changes

Chair Faulkner recommended that the Senate By-Laws be reviewed for possible changes in the policy on University Standing Committees procedures

Okra Mail changes

Mr. Chris Giger provided information about the changes related to student email from OkraMail to Gmail which will be a cost savings to the university and a more effective student email system and also stated that he feels assured that privacy, security, and reliability questions have been found to be satisfactory with Gmail

IHL Textbook Policy

Faculty Senate Party

President-Elect McKnight will host a party for the Senate and Proxies at his home at the adjournment of this meeting

VII. Adjournment.

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Hayes, Secretary
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