

**Delta State University**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2009**  
**3:30 p.m., Union 302**

**Members present:**

Nina Baghai-Riding	James Brown	Kathy Davis
Ellen Green	Jeannie Falkner	Catherine Hayes
David Hebert	Leslie Horton	Douglas Mark
Dan McFall	Eckward McKnight	D. Allan Mitchell
Debarashmi Mitra	Hunter Moore	Robyn Moore
Brett Oleis	Stephen Patton	Patricia Roberts
Duane Shuttlesworth	Subramanian Swaminathan	
Tricia Walker		

**Guests:**

Dr. Phil Pepper, Mississippi State Economist and IHL Assistant Commissioner spoke before the meeting on topics related to state revenue and budgetary issues.

Ann Lotven, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**I. Agenda Approved.**

**II. Minutes from the October 8, 2009 Regular Meeting Approved with corrections.**

**III. President's Report**

President Roberts stated there was no report.

**IV. Report from Staff Council**

Dana George reported on membership changes to Staff Council, a Health and Wellness even on November 23rd, and Spring 2010 semester will be the Staff Council's Year of the Arts

**Report from Graduate Studies Council**

Senator McFall stated there was no report

**Report from BPAC**

Past-President Hebert stated there was no report

**Report from International Student Task Force**

Senator Swaminathan reported that the Task Force has held its first meeting and with the assistance of Debbie Heslep, Dean of Admissions, the DSU webpage has been changed related to undergraduate international student admissions

**Report from the Budget Committee**

President-Elect McKnight and Senator Mitchell reported on the ongoing review of academic units by the UBC

**V. Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Elections:**

Chair Mitchell reported that the HPER senate seat remains unfilled

**Committee on University Standing Committees:**

Chair Falkner stated there was no report

**Committee on Technology:**

Chair Swaminathan made the suggestion that the Senate website offer a link for suggestions to improve productivity and/or decrease costs as a method of gathering information for possible submission to the UBC

**Committee on University Services:**

Chair Senator Green stated there was no report

**Committee on General Academic Affairs:**

Chair Horton stated there was no report

**VI. Provost Question Time**

President Roberts ask Provost Lotven if the university is considering a 5/5 faculty load. Dr. Lotven responded, "No."

**VII. Old Business:**

**Resolution calling for the Adoption of the 2008 IHL Textbook Taskforce Recommendations and to Determine the Feasibility of Developing a Textbook Rental Program Through the DSU Bookstore** was approved

**University Calendar 2010-2011 Academic Year** following discussion Version 3. was approved - providing for both a two day Fall Break and a one week Thanksgiving holiday

**Public Forum**

President Roberts reported that no forum has been scheduled

**VII. New Business**

**December 2009 Meeting of the Senate**

The Senate elected not to hold a December meeting

**DSU On-line Course Evaluations**

Senator Mitchell spoke related to issues with the on-line course evaluations such as the ability of students to evaluate courses in which they are not enrolled and to evaluate any course multiple times. Other discussion ensued related to student anonymity concerns.

**VIII. Adjournment.**

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hayes, Secretary