

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

**Members present:**

Eckward McKnight	Karen Bell
Robyn Moore	Ellen Green
Nina Baghai-Riding	Brett Oleis
Duane Shuttlesworth	Tricia Walker
Don Allan Mitchell	Subramanian Swaminathan
Debarashmi Mitra	Daniel Glenn
James Brown	Jeff Smithpeters
Lynn Varner	Emily Bell
Clifton Wingard	Douglas Mark
Anjanette Powers	Debra Allen

- I. **Agenda** (10-14-10) approved and **Minutes** (09-09-10) approved.
- II. **President's Report:** Reminder of the cyber security seminar on campus as well as a reminder that it is Homecoming Week.
- III. **Graduate Council:** Dr. Shuttlesworth reported that the academic dishonesty policy will be revised.
- IV. **Report from Budget Committee:** First meeting to review athletics scheduled for October 18, 2010.
- V. **Committee on University Standing Committees:** Professor Mitchell discussed a proposed resolution to provide a minimum set of standards for University Standing Committees to retain their status as Standing Committees.
- VI. **Healthy Campus Initiative:** Professor Debra Allen reported that this campus initiative is seeking suggestions for how to get the faculty more involved. Prof. Allen also reported that the walking trail on Maple Street is getting new lights. Other suggestions may be e-mailed to [dallen@deltastate.edu](mailto:dallen@deltastate.edu).
- VII. **Question Time with special guest Registrar John Elliot:**
  - A.) Registrar Elliot gave some suggestions on how the faculty can help with the digital record of academic pre-requisites. The problem arose because the electronic catalog did not reflect recent changes to the hard copy of the catalog. Most of these problems should have been remedied, but all further errors should be reported to Registrar Elliot.

- B.) Regarding transfer students, the departmental chairs will have to continue to run overrides on the pre-requisites for transfers. Registrar Elliot pointed out that it is a time-consuming effort to key in the transcripts of transfer students, which is complicated by the fact that there are an estimated 80 students that wait until late registration to sign up for classes and to transfer any previous academic credit.
- C.) In answer to the question of what constitutes 25% of missed class periods for online classes, Registrar Elliot emphasized that that determination would be left up to the discretion of the instructor.
- D.) Registrar Elliot also encouraged the faculty to keep accurate attendance records, and to report the last day of attendance for students who quit showing up to class. Under existing policies, students only have to attend 60% of a class to keep 100% of their loans.
- E.) Registrar Elliot also reported that pre-registration for the spring semester begins November 8, and upperclassmen have priority, based on the number of hours academic credits completed.
- F.) Online Registration for the spring will close on January 19. Students will be allowed to drop online until January 24. After that point, all adds/drops must be done by filling out the appropriate paperwork.

- VIII. Provost Question Time:** Provost Lotven reported that DSU will continue the policy of having separate, early exams for graduating seniors, as it is a student-friendly policy. Provost Lotven also reported that the 2011 fall semester will begin a week later, and that the 2012 spring semester will begin a week earlier. This change was made to accommodate Teach for America and the summer camps that are held on campus.
- IX. Old Business: Pending Resolutions:** David Hebert gave the first reading of the constitutional amendment adding a parliamentarian to the proceedings of the Senate. Don Allan Mitchell gave the first reading of the revised resolution for minimum Standing Committee status guidelines.
- X. New Business:** Dr. Glenn made the motion to remove the Pass/Fail Resolution from the table and to have a vote on that resolution. Motion passed. The Pass/Fail resolution was brought to a vote, and the resolution failed.
- XI. Adjournment:** Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Allan Mitchell, Acting Secretary (11/03/2010)