South Carolina State University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, December 2, 2014  
Room #121-A Turner Hall  
MINUTES

**Senators Present:**  Dr. Lucinda Barron, Dr. Enoch Beraho, Dr. Thomas Cassidy, Prof. Avery Daniels, Prof. Cynthia Davis, Dr. Thomas Dempster, Dr. Ali Eliadorani, Dr. Evelyn Fields, Dr. Janice Hawes, Dr. Nasrollah Hamidi, Carlana Kohn-Davis, Dr. Bonita Manson, Sam McDonald, Dr. Linda McIntyre, Dr. Muhammad Mustafa, Dr. Crystal Nixon, Dr. Bobbie Perdue, Dr. Shafiqua Rahman, Dr. Daniel Smith, Dr. Nikunja Swain, Dr. Larry Watson, Dr. Reginald Williams

**Call to Order:**  
Faculty Senate (FS) President Cassidy called the meeting to order at 3:43 PM

**Adoption of the Agenda:**  
Senator Fields made the motion to adopt the agenda as amended; Senator McIntyre seconded.  
Vote: unanimously approved.

**Approval of the Minutes:**  
Senator Perdue made the motion to approve the minutes as printed; Senator Mustafa seconded.  
Vote: unanimously approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**  
Senator Nixon’s treasurer’s report showed cash on hand in the amount of $2448.83 as of December 2, 2014.

**Report of Committees:**  
- **Executive Committee**—Senator McIntyre reported that the GEC ad hoc Committee will look at the draft and make recommendations during its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2014 at 3:30 PM.

- **Membership Advisory Committee**—Senator Williams presented a report which outlined the purpose and membership of the committee, as well as the constituency of regular and special committees. The report also included vacancies and replacements to be filled on University-wide committees: Research Advisory and Human Subject Council and Student Services Council. There are also vacancies on the FS Education Facilities Committee.

- **Elections Committee**—Senator Williams reported Dr. Cassidy was nominated for FS President and Senator McIntyre for FS Vice President. Also, along with a memo outlining the qualifications for FS President and Vice President, as well as the nominations timeline and schedule, Senator Williams submitted a report including the following:
  
  - November 11, 2014—deadline for senators to make intentions known to run for 2015-2017 FS President and Vice President
  - Senator Williams will begin posting “SAVE THE DATE” flyers to announce the upcoming electronic voting—Tuesday, April 7, 2015 7:00 AM-7:00 PM
  - March 17, 2015—proposed date for “Meet the Candidates” Forum (possibly to be held at noon as a “Brown Bag Luncheon” session)
  - April 7, 2015—election day (online voting 7:00 AM-7:00 PM)
Educational Policies Council — The last Ed Policies Council did not have a quorum. Two proposals for review, originally sent back, will be presented at the next meeting.

Planning and Projects Committee — No report at this time.

Educational Facilities Committee — No report at this time.

Graduate Studies Council — Senator McIntyre reported the council met November 11, 2014 at which time two issues were discussed: Graduate Faculty Status and the administration’s consideration to outsource some graduate courses through a company called VESI. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2014.

Welfare Committee — Senator Scott submitted a report indicating committee members communicated via email and assembled a list of faculty concerns for discussion and/or further action. The next face-to-face meeting will be at the beginning of the Spring 2015 semester.

President’s Report — FS President Cassidy reported on the following topics:

- GEC ad hoc Committee
  - Committee has met 4 times.
  - Decision was made to focus on development of a list of measurable GEC learning outcomes.
  - Subcommittee, convened by Dr. Legette, was appointed to edit the outcomes.
  - Interim conclusions:
    - GEC competencies should be current and viable and assessed continuously. Assessment results should be shared with the faculty.
    - GEC competences should be threaded into the coursework.
    - Motion to approve a statement regarding establishing a GEC and assessment office (below)
      Moved by Senator Perdue
      Seconded by Senator Watson
      Vote 9 yes, 3 abstained

Statement: “The Faculty Senate moves that the University establish a GEC and Assessment office staffed by an experienced professional. A standing General Education Curriculum and Assessment Committee made up of faculty across the disciplines, appointed by the Provost, in consultation with the Faculty Senate President. These two entities will work together to coordinate assessment activities on a continuous basis. This proposal would go before the policy bodies for vote.”

- President Elzey has been requested to appear before the Budget and Control Board December 3, 2014 to justify the balanced budget.

Adjournment — The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM