

**South Carolina State University
Called Meeting of the SCSU Academic Faculty
Thursday, February 19, 2009
Room #121A Turner Hall**

MINUTES

Call to Order:

President M. Evelyn Fields called the meeting to order with a quorum at 3:35PM.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Senator Whitaker moved to adopt the agenda and the motion was seconded by Senator Brantley. The motion carried.

Constitution of the Faculty:

President Fields stated that the reason for the called meeting was to vote on the amendments to the constitution. She stated that our constitution does not provide for absentee ballots. She then proceeded to call for the vote on the amendment to the constitution. The proposed motion was voted on by the faculty senate therefore it did not need a second. After some discussion Senator Spann proposed an amendment in regards to term limits from the floor which stated "The Executive Committee of the Senate shall serve one two year term and if re-elected to serve **two** additional terms." The motion was seconded by Senator Perdue. Twenty-two (22) senators voted in favor of the amendment, thereby amending the proposal of "unlimited terms" to the faculty. After some discussion, fifty-one (60) faculty members voted for and one (1) abstained. The motion carried without opposition.

New Business:

The question was asked about the rationale of changing the vote on the president and vice-president of the faculty senate to the April senate meeting instead of the spring faculty meeting that is called by the VP of academic affairs. President Fields asked Senator Rech as the chair of the elections committee to respond. Senator Rech responded that since serving on the elections committee in the past it has been difficult to handle the business of the election during the academic affairs faculty meeting and therefore elected to hold the election during the April senate meeting. Provisions have been made for absentee voting from 11:00am – 2:00pm on March 31, 2009 in the Fine Arts Building lobby.

Announcements:

There were several announcements made.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Senator Heyward and seconded by Senator Stackhouse. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary