

**Minutes of Faculty Senate, 1/30/17 Meeting
123 Hathaway Hall**

Senators

Ibukun Amusan (Math & Sci)
Ken Andries (AFE)
Nancy Capriles (BSS)
Rene Desborde (Business)
Gary Elliott (WYS) E
Maheteme Gebremedhin (AFE)
Caroline Gibson (FIAR) A
Cindy Glass (BSS)
William Graham (EDU)
Robert Griffin (FIAR)
Buddhi Gywali (AFE)
Dantrea Hampton (Library)
Jens Hannemann (Comp Sci)
Ashok Kumar (at large)
Vikas Kumar (AQU)
Li Lu (Math & Sci)
Rebecca McCoy (Nursing) A
Joe Moffett (LLP)

Narayanan Rajendran (at large)
Reba Rye (at large)
Rita Sharma (Math & Sci)
Kimberly Sipes (at large)
Peter Smith (LLP)
Stephen Ulrich (PUA, CJ, SW)
Changzheng Wang (at large)

Ex Officio Members and Guests

President Aaron Thompson
VP Candice Jackson
Chandee Felder (Senate Admin)
Elgie McFayden (Faculty Regent)
Donavan Ramon (WYS)

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President Thompson noted that, as Chair Moffett found, typically the Provost is given final say for which classes run. VP Jackson concurred, noting that several issues have an impact on decisions that are made, such as whether certain courses are needed to keep students on the path to graduation or if a course includes a graduating senior. President Thompson suggested that a policy would need to be flexible based on these and other factors.

7. Report of the Professional Concerns Committee

Chair Glass said PCC is still working on the *Faculty Handbook*. She noted that all Instructor positions were eliminated a couple of years ago, but they are still in the *Handbook*. PCC feels faculty should come in as Visiting or Assistant Professors; Instructor positions keep people dangling, hoping for permanent work .

President Sipes projected the updated organization chart. She asked if the name change of LLP to LLC needed to go to Senate. VP Jackson said that the Division had already approved the change. Chair Andries asked if there will not be Deans, will there be some other new structure? Dr. Jackson said that the Board had tabled the Deans model; it did not rule Deans out yet. She will go back to the Board with more information. Chair Glass asked for clarification as to what to do in revising the *Faculty Handbook* should the language referring to Deans be retained? Dr. Jackson replied to let it stand for now. Chair Rye questioned why we need Deans. Dr. Jackson responded that this Dean model is about structure, not the size of the university. The Provost has too many direct reports at present. Chair Rye observed that Senate had worked with President Burse to eliminate the Dean structure. President Thompson added that the Dean model came out of the Registry recommendations. He suggested we consider what we might look like five years down the road rather than thinking only of the present.

President Sipes asked Regent McFayden if he had anything to report about the Presidential Search. He replied that he could not talk about the process because of his oath of secrecy. A guest asked him if finalists had been determined but again he replied that he could not make a statement.

8. Dr. Candice Jackson VPAA

Dr. Jackson informed Senate that there will be meetings about the reorganization. She reminded the group about the need for volunteers for the freshman lock-in event. There will be a dodge ball game for faculty and staff. She stressed the importance of events scheduled for Black History Month. First year students will be required to attend the convocations and faculty are requested to be present. Dr. Meredith Evans (the first Black woman to lead a Presidential library) will be on campus on March 23. Honors Day is April 6th;