

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE – REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
April 02nd, 2015

1. Quorum and call to order

Dr. James Showalter, Chair, determined the quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

Faculty Senate Members:

		Attendance
Chair	James Showalter	Present
Chair-Elect	Elicia Pollard	Present
Secretary	Ahondju Umadjela Holmes	Present

SENATORS

Library	Kate Corbett	Present
	Jameka Lewis	Absent
	Shirley Tatum	Present
School of Agriculture & Applied Sciences	Raymond Faucette	Absent
	Donna Foster	Present
	Roger Merkel	Present
School of Arts & Sciences	Betsy Showalter	Present
	Edmund Kloh	Absent
	Meshack Sagini	Present
	Art Williams	Absent
School of Education and Behavioral Sciences	Edward Manyibe	Absent
	Orlenthe McGowan	Present
	Yvonne Montgomery	Present
	Andre Washington	Present
School of Business	I-Lin Huang	Excused
	Hossien Sarjeh-Payma	Present
School of Nursing and Health Professions	Darlington Mundende	Excused
	Lynnie Skeen	Present
	Cassandra Eng (Non - Voting member)	Excused
School of Physical Therapy	Philip George	Absent
At-Large Representatives	Joanna Mann	Present
	James Quinn	Absent
	Angela Thomas	Present

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Mrs. Kate Corbett moved to approve agenda. Motion carried. Unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes of March 03rd, 2015

Motion: Dr. James Showalter moved to approve minutes. Motion carried. Unanimous.

4. Old Business: from Dr. James Showalter, Chair

Motion: To *de facto* seat At-Large Senators

The Faculty Senate realizes the necessity of holding elections for the three at-large Senators as noted in Article II, Section B ("Three [3] temporary non-tenure, probationary tenure track, or tenured faculty members will be elected at-large by the entire faculty.") and shall act expeditiously to get that election completed. Until that election, the three nominated faculty members will be considered interim at-large seated senators with the full rights and responsibilities of other Senators.

Action: After discussion and clarifications, Dr. Showalter proposed dropping the motion due to the possibility of sending an e-mail to all faculty members about voting. This e-mail would allow members to openly vote. Dr. Elicia Pollard will send the e-mail. Motion dropped.

5. New Business: from Dr. James Showalter, Chair

a. Establishing the core of Senate's standing committees and discussing issues:

Standing Committees	Selected Interim Chairs	Senator(s)	Comments
Academic Affairs	Dr. Andre Washington		Interim Chairs are responsible for: *Setting up a meeting with all Full-Time Faculty members who will volunteer to serve in each committee *Facilitate elections in order to vote for committees' chairs *Deadline is April 30, 2015
Budget	Mrs. Angela Thomas	Dr. Hossien Sarjeh-Payma	
Faculty Welfare and Development	Dr. Yvonne Montgomery	Dr. Orlenthea McGowan	
Personnel Policies	Dr. Joanna Mann		
Student Affairs	Mrs. Kate Corbett		
Elections	Dr. Meshack Sagini		

Notes:

- ✓ Formed committees will discuss issues related to their functions and bring their suggestions to LU Faculty Senate. LU Faculty senate will, in turn, bring recommendations to the administration.
- ✓ There should be a minimum of at least 7 members in each committee.

6. Budget Advisory Committee update: from Dr. James Showalter, Chair

- ✓ 5% tuition increase.
- ✓ Students' non-payment affects the budget. Students owe approximately U.S. four (4) million.
- ✓ New State payment scheme is based on retention and graduation rates. This may lead to enrolling a different student clientele (middle class students)

7. Additions/New Interests or Concerns

a. Faculty Senate on D2L from Mrs. Angela Thomas

- ✓ Faculty Senate minutes, agendas, and discussion forums are available on D2L, under the designation **FS 1001**.
- ✓ Faculty Senate members are included as students
- ✓ Working on including all faculty members

8. Adjournment: 12: 15 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, May 07, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Library (1st floor)

Ahondju Umadjela Holmes, Secretary