

**LANGSTON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE – REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
March 03, 2015**

1. Quorum and call to order

Dr. James Showalter, Chair, determined the quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

<u>Faculty Senate Members:</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Executive Committee	
• Chair James Showalter	Present
• Chair-elect Elicia Pollard	Present
• Secretary Ahondju Umadjela Holmes	Present
Representatives	
• Library Kate Corbett	Present
	Jameka Lewis Present
	Shirley Tatum Present
• School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences	
	Donna Foster Present
	Raymond Faucette Present
	Roger Merkel Present
• School of Arts and Sciences	
	Betsy Showalter Present
	Edmund Kloh Absent
	Meshack Sagini Present
	Art Williams Absent
• School of Education and Behavioral Sciences	
	Edward Manyibe Present
	Orlentheia McGowan Present
	Yvonne Montgomery Excused
	Andre Washington Present
• School of Business	
	I-Lin Huang Present
	Hossien Sarjeh-Payma Present
• School of Nursing and Health Professions	
	Darlington Mundende Excused
	Lynnie Skeen Present
	Cassandra Eng (Non-voting) Absent
• School of Physical Therapy	
	Philip George Absent
• At-large Representatives	
	Angela Thomas Present
	James Quinn Absent
	Joanna Mann Present

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Dr. Showalter moved to approve agenda. Motion carried. Unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes of February 3rd, 2015

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

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

- a. **Schedule Conflict:** The Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled at the same time as the IRB meeting. Dr. Showalter proposed that the next 2 Faculty Senate meetings be held on the first Thursday of April and May at 11:00 am. The members agreed. A suggestion was made to inquire if the large room in the Allied Health building will be available to hold our next meeting.

b. Guest: Dr. Kent Smith, President – Langston University

Dr. Smith expressed his excitement to come to the Faculty Senate meeting for the first time. He thanked Faculty Senate members for their work and indicated that the administration was supportive of the Faculty senate. Dr. Smith briefly talked about the following issues:

- ✓ Enrollment projection: current enrolment applications for fall semester have exceeded last year's, with accepted students having higher GPA and ACT scores. Within five years, the goal is to have 80% college-ready students. Retention rates have increased compared to last year's, an indication that the quality of classes was higher.
- ✓ Salary: some of the money will come from students' bill. Students need to pay their bills. Students have a better understanding that they need to have a zero balance in order to enroll.
- ✓ Budgeting process: a long term goal is to have a model of local budget control. In this model, the dean controls the budget and makes determination about funding within his/her school. Also, this model will incentivize enrollment and retention.
- ✓ Grants/funding: grants benefit faculty, students and the university as a whole. Dr. Smith is looking forward to receiving recommendations from Faculty Senate on how to incentivize grants through time release before/after grant is submitted /received or through additional pay. There should be opportunities for junior faculty members to develop their grant writing/management skills or opportunities for getting to know grantors.

c. Closing Remarks:

Dr. Smith reminded Faculty Senate members that it was not easy to get started, encouraged them to stay the course, encourage each other and support the differences of opinions.

5. Adjournment: 12: 24 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, April 02, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Ahondju Umadjela Holmes, Secretary