

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE – REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
December 03rd, 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	Excused
School of Agriculture & Applied Sciences	Raymond Faucette	Excused
	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	Present
	Orlenthe McGowan	Present
	Yvonne Montgomery	Absent
	Andre Washington	Absent
School of Business	I-Lin Huang	Absent
	Hossien Sarjeh-Payma	Absent
School of Nursing and Health Professions	Darlington Mundende	Present
	Lynn Skeen	Excused
	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 Minutes of November 05th, 2015

Twelve (12) Faculty Senate members were present. Quorum was not determined. Minutes were held for approval during our next regular meeting.

3. Old Business from Dr. Showalter, Chair

- a. Parking Issue: Instruct Chair

4. New Business

- a. Report on meeting faculty senate representatives from around state at State Regent's Office (Dr. Elicia Pollard).
 - ✓ For this year, there will be a 10% cut
 - ✓ In 2014, 45% students graduated without debt, compared to 47% in 2013.
 - ✓ Students' average debt in Oklahoma is less than the national average
 - ✓ Survey results
 - 22 respondents from Langston University
 - ✓ Most commonly cited issues from the survey were:
 - Oklahoma teachers' salary (No salary raise for about 7 years)

- Financial stability for Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System
 - High teaching load
 - Dr. Showalter will bring this issue to the Administrative council
 - Cost of health insurance
 - Preparation of high school graduate in Math and Reading
 - Carrying guns on campus
- b. Dr. James Showalter's report on (lack of) activities by President's Administrative Council.
- ✓ The Council hardly met this year
- c. Discussion concerning planning and oversight of elections for:
- ✓ Faculty vote on Adjunct Pay Proposal.
 - Will be voted on during Faculty Institute in January 2016
 - Dr. Showalter will talk to Dr. Montgomery to find out if he could get a slot during Faculty Institute
 - ✓ Faculty Senate in April, 2016.
 - Proposition to begin next year's meeting in February. Dr. Showalter will meet with Mr. Gaffney to secure the room.

5. Suggested Topics for Future Discussion

- a. Regularization of Sabbatical System for LU Faculty
- ✓ This needs to be publicized ahead of time to allow those who are interested to apply for it
- b. Regularization of Leave with Pay for LU Faculty
- ✓ No discussion

6. Other Business

- a. Promotion and tenure
- ✓ There should be a time frame during which applicants should know about the committee's decision
 - ✓ Diversify members
 - ✓ Rotation of members

7. Adjournment: 11:52 p.m.

Next meeting February 04, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Library (1st floor)

Ahondju Umadjela Holmes, Secretary