

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE – REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
September 17th, 2015

1. Quorum and call to order

Dr. James Showalter, Chair, determined the quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:01 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	Present
School of Agriculture & Applied Sciences	Raymond Faucette	Present
	Donna Foster	Present
	Roger Merkel	Present
School of Arts & Sciences	Betsy Showalter	Present
	Edmund Kloh	Present
	Meshack Sagini	Present
	Art Williams	Present
School of Education and Behavioral Sciences	Edward Manyibe	Present
	Orlenthea McGowan	Absent
	Yvonne Montgomery	Present
	Andre Washington	Present
School of Business	I-Lin Huang	Absent
	Hossien Sarjeh-Payma	Present
School of Nursing and Health Professions	Darlington Mundende	Excused
	Lynn Skee	Present
	Cassandra Eng (Non - Voting member)	Absent
School of Physical Therapy	Philip George	Absent
At-Large Representatives	Joanna Mann	Excused
	James Quinn	Absent
	Angela Thomas	Present

2. Approval of Minutes of Aug 20th, 2015

Motion: Angela Thomas moved to approve minutes, with amendments. Motion carried. Unanimous.

3. New Business

Dr. Sharon Burnett, Vice-President for Fiscal Affairs

a. Mid-term adjustment from the State

- ✓ There is a possibility for mid-term adjustment from the State. Talks are going on.
- ✓ Without an adjustment, there could be a furlough

b. What would it impact?

- ✓ Find out if there are positions that need to be eliminated
- ✓ Use funds for adjunct faculty

c. Borrowing from institutional funds

- ✓ In the past, those funds have been used for scholarships

✓ The amount drawn from the endowment has increased by approximately 1.9 million

- About \$ 30 million endowment is managed by the state
- This amount was used to sustain our operations
- We run a higher risk if we continue to use endowment funds

d. Rate of return

- ✓ Has been volatile, approximately 2.5% return
- ✓ Rate of return is invested

e. Budget

- ✓ We will have to find other sources of revenues
- ✓ Currently, we are using the same budget, but our priorities area different
- ✓ The extent of cuts will determine how much would be cut from our budget
- ✓ We use the same budgeting model as many universities
- ✓ The Net Tuition Revenue versus Enrollment Number
 - Is a model that is being discussed

f. Impact of having a 4-day working week

- ✓ There were some savings
- ✓ Staff members liked it. Most stated that it boosted their morale.

g. Community development

- ✓ Remodeling of the Institution Advancement by changing it to Institutional Advancement and External Affairs

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

a. Standing committees

- ✓ The following committees received requests from other faculty members
 - Budget
 - Academic Affairs
 - Faculty Welfare & Development

b. Faculty Senate page on Langston University website

- ✓ Contains old information
- ✓ Suggestion: put old information under “History” category and include new information
- ✓ Suggestion: everyone should read information on the faculty senate page. Information can be found at <http://www.langston.edu/faculty-staff/resources/faculty-senate> or by typing “Faculty Senate” in the Langston University’s website search tool.

c. Communication: We will use the system to communicate

5. Adjournment: 12:20 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, October 08, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Library (1st floor)

Ahondju Umadjela Holmes, Secretary