

**LANGSTON UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY SENATE – REGULAR MEETING**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

		<b>Attendance</b>
<b>Chair</b>	James Showalter	Present
<b>Chair-Elect</b>	Elicia Pollard	Present
<b>Secretary</b>	Ahondju Umadjela Holmes	Present

**SENATORS**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Motion: Angela Thomas moved to approve minutes. Motion carried. Unanimous.

**3. New Business**

- a. Meeting with Dr. Kent Smith, Jr., President

Budget:

- There is a 3.5% cut from the State (or 671,000 reductions from our budget). This may continue next year, with additional budget cuts.

Effect of Budget Cuts

- There will be few layoffs (4-8)
- Consider how many people will retire

Student Enrollment

- Number of enrolled students is high compared to last year.

- There is 56-67% retention from last year.
- Use of mail-marketing to target future students
- Invest in advertising to focus on recruitment for Tulsa and Oklahoma City campus

#### Salary Increase

- Base salary will not increase this year, given current financial situation

#### Students' Bill Payment Status

- Students are paying their bills, but we are still not where we would want to be in terms of bills payments.

#### Buildings/Renovations

- Students' resident halls are being renovated
- The new Physical Therapy building will be completed between January and February 2016, with projected usage during Fall 2016
- Some academic building needs renovations as well (for example Jones Hall, Arts and Science)

#### Faculty Promotion/Tenure: Status for Recent Applicants

- Dr. Smith stated that he had not heard anything about the status
- Dr. Smith took note and stated that he would follow up.

Given his tight schedule, Dr. Smith had to leave the meeting and stated that he was willing to come back in the future.

#### b. Replacement election for Ms. Shirley Tatum

- ✓ Ms. Corbett suggested not replacing Mrs. Tatum, until the library hires.

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

##### a. Dr. Joanna Mann appointment as Parliamentarian

##### b. Status of the Committees

- ✓ Some committee received applications from other faculty members who wanted to serve on committees (Budget and Faculty Welfare); others did not receive applications.

- ✓ Suggestion: Include a "Student Welfare" committee

##### c. Issues that Committees should Address

- ✓ Each department should generate issues

##### d. Other Business

- ✓ Maximum number of students for class: needs to be determined

- ✓ Invite the Enrollment chair to one of the meetings

#### 5. Adjournment: 12:21 p.m.

**Next meeting Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Library (1<sup>st</sup> floor)**

Ahondju Umadjela Holmes, Secretary