MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Youssef, Lamiaa (English & For. Lang., FS President); Haines, Ashley (Biology, FS Vice President); Fernando, Anne (Math, FS Secretary); Kamiru, John (Accountancy & Finance, FS Treasurer); Abrefa-Gyan, Tina (Social Work); Chuang, Shao-Hui (Technology); Cooley-Doles, Joy (Psychology); Curiel, James (Sociology); Hu, Yen-Hung (Computer Science); Khan, Mushtaq (Math); Arasho, Wondwossen (Chemistry); Sawyer, Jason (Social Work); Noginova, Natalia (Physics); Mohanty, Bidhu (School of Business); D’Silva, Joseph (Biology); Meshesha, Aberra (Political Science); Boone, Jacqueline (Early Childhood/Element. Ed); Thomas, Kathleen (Health, Phys. Ed., & Ex. Sci., FS Assistant Secretary)

Members Absent: de Laforcade, Geoffrey (History & Interdisc. St.); Harper, Natisha (Library) replacement pending; Jackson, Cathy (Mass Com.) replacement pending; Jackson, Kevin (Allied Health); Mead, Patricia (Engineering); Scott-Smith, DeVaughan (Music-V&PA); Goodloe, Angela (Secondary Ed.) excused

Guests: Amaya Gordon, Karla (AVP of Finance + Administration/Controller); Jones, Dennis (Budget); Gatling, Zipporah (SGA); Thomas, Ronald (Psychology); Johnson, Mamie (English & For. Lang)

I. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 12:35 p.m.
   • Dr. Meshesha makes motion to approve February 19, 2019 minutes. Dr. Chuang seconds motion. Vote: 16 for, none against, none abstain. Motion passes, minutes approved.

II. Old Business: Dr. Fernando steps away from the Elections and Nominations Committee. Dr. Ron Thomas, Dr. Mushtaq Khan and Dr. Mamie Johnson will oversee the nominations and elections of FS officers and will send out description for the roles of FS officers. There were suggestions for open nominations process by creating electronic survey or email to Dr. Ron Thomas, Dr. Mamie Johnson, and Dr. Mushtaq Khan.

III. New Business:
   • Ms. Karla Amaya Gordon gave “state of the audit” at this time, and then Mr. Dennis Jones will speak. Every 3 years they audit student financial aid, withdrawn students so that funds are returned. To date all audits have been completed with favorable results. With the Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) they supply internal control report; they give us a report on any findings.
   • Did receive several findings for 2018 audit. We would love to be perfect, we do have findings, 5 findings in IT arena, infrastructure, security, 3 findings with student financial aids, and 1 in fixed assets and 1 in HR, they have to give a correct plan to governor and state on where we are in corrective actions and prior to the next audit.
• What is most critical? IT findings. CIO vacancy, there were some challenges in getting them completed, analyses and security assessments were not done, all critical in nature, IT findings where we focus efforts and where we need to take action quickly so that we are not vulnerable.

• All are public documents and are available on APA website: apa.va.gov

• Mr. Dennis Jones: Talked about the budget. General assembly has finished their actions and sent to governor, biennium, good news, first paycheck in July, 3% raise for all faculty. Classified, if here July 1, you get an increase of 2.75%, if you have been here a number of years, such as 3 years, they have an opportunity at another 2.5%. Student financial assistance, 907K, that will be there to help with additional aid for state of VA. To the university, we are given 298K to establish a center for African American policy.

• There is an opportunity for there not to be a tuition increase for instate undergrads. Deal was that commonwealth will increase general fund of 971K each year if there is not an increase in in state tuition. Plan is being reviewed, and it will ultimately be up to BOV but we make recommendations one way or another.

• It is a 2-year process, a budget created in each even year. We are coming upon that 2-year period now; we have strategic plan in place and should be our guide as far as what we are doing. Idea is to take strategic plan and use that to figure out how to make request to governor etc.

• First part is 6-year plan required by SCHEV, July 1 we submit 6-year plan of what we plan to accomplish in the next 6 years, a detailed budget for the next 2 years, and then for the next 4 years, next biennium. By the end of the summer we would have made request to the general assembly, general fund dollars, tax dollars, or general appropriations etc. working towards the universities FY budget on the campus.

• Dr. Kathy Thomas, when will 907K be available? Still under review, but probably July 1. Students complete a FAFSA and the Financial Aid Office wants them to receive all possible. State is making every effort so that we can be the most educated state.

• Money for new science building? Dr. D'Silva, it has been approved for planning; we are working with an architect to plan building. In upcoming biennium, there is a group that reviews submissions. Currently, we are in the planning stage for that building, a lot has to do with debt capacity with the commonwealth. If they can add additional bonds, and we are far enough along the planning process, then we can take plans and move into construction.

• 3% faculty raise is given across the board. No merit pay, Dr. Khan asked. Yes that is correct.

• Dr. Chuang is asking about money that has to be spent by June, but they have to choose a certain vendor, but price in eVa would be extremely high, but her department needs the equipment, and students need lab equipment, students buy it from bookstore, but our department thought we should have a contract with the company so their department could buy directly, but they cannot do that, and all that goes through bookstore, but they mark up another 100 percent of price. eVa e-vendor, the money drains away, for example an adaptor online is a few dollars, but through eVa, it gets marked up.

• Dr. Nogonova says the same things, through eVa you have to do mark up. She understands we have to support SWAM, it doesn’t look reasonable to use this. Dennis Jones answers that is something truly out of our hands. State system does have to be used. Economies of scale, sometimes it does not work out. She says sometimes the mark up is triple. They will take that back to Ruby Spicer who is Director of Procurement, and Dr. Youssef states maybe we can invite Ruby Spicer to come speak to FS.
• Miss Gatling, SGA VP. She met with Dr. Hamilton, student concerns, met with department heads and deans and she is filling us in.

• Mass Comm. Majors need editing classes and are going outside of NSU to get needed courses. Math tutoring meeting with Dr. Carrington about that, and then on Chemistry and other classes that need math and major specific courses to get tutoring.

• Then spoke of graduate school preparation. The Biology Department does not have a graduate advisor on staff and for graduate school it asks for graduate advisor on the application.

• And GRE preparation for students who want to move on. Look at marketing strategies, to get their PHD or MD, JD. She will be meeting with them today at 3 p.m. Some changes that might be coming within this semester and next semester.

• Biology Department has two grants, both of which are focused on how math integrates into the curriculum. Tutoring, trying to get tutoring better integrated, communicating collaborating, we look forward to working with you and others on campus. Have her support for GRE prep course and MCAT prep course as a summer thing. Dr. Joy Cooley-Doles talks about making students aware, psychology institute where grad students in Virginia consortium, they are offering prep seminars for grad school and for the GRE. She suggests speak with Dr. Darlene Colson in Psychology and advertise to other students not just to psychology majors.

• In Business, Dr. Mohanty says they are putting into process a way to train students for the job interviews.

• Back to students going outside for NSU for training they need, Dr. Curiel asks about Pro tools outside of NSU for editing training for Mass Comm. He is trying to find out what programs they are trying to get into. Are students going elsewhere because they need those classes and NSU does not offer them? Yes and while they are not on the curriculum, they need them for job success.

• Faculty luncheon, we have the $700 available. We used to have a forum. We would like to offer luncheon to senators, perhaps have luncheon during activity hour 12:30 1:30 on Tuesday April 2nd an idea was to have each senator invite a guest and have as informal luncheon appreciation for those who have served. Last year, we spent $1600 and we paid it from FS local account which impacted local account. Have to go through Procurement and Thompson Hospitality, if your department has an alternate, they can send that person and a guest if you cannot go.

• Dr. Joy Cooley-Doles, there is a document that was on the provost site, and Dr. Darlene Colson said it was missing last week. Dr. Youssef said she would check on that.

IV. Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Dr. Mohanty, second Dr. Thomas, unanimous vote to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:
Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings: April 9, 2019, STC 309 12:30pm-1:30pm
Faculty Senate Meetings: April 16, 2019, NGE Room 205, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.