MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

Members Present: Lamiaa Youssef (President), Suely Black (Vice-President), Anne Fernando (Secretary), Sidika Nihal Colakoglu (Treasurer), John Kamiru (Assistant Secretary), James Curiel, Ashley Haines, Yen-Hung (Frank) Hu, Mushtaq Khan, Kathleen Thomas, Patricia Mead, Aberra Meshesha, Jason Sawyer, Gary Wilkens, Maria Holmes, Cathy Jackson, Kevin Jackson, Tina Abrefa-Gyan (alternate Social Work), Kathleen Thomas, Joy Cooley-Doles, Solomon Isekeije, Sam Dorsey

Members Absent: William Alexander, Natisha Harper, Karen Holmes, Maria Holmes, Doyle Temple, Walter Golembiewski, Curtis Blakely, Marilyn Lewis (sent alternate)

Guests: Ronald Thomas, Mamie Johnson, Chinedu Okala, Leroy Hamilton, Rasha Morsi, Patrice Smith, Maila Hallare-Brucal, Jacqueline Boone

I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 12:36 p.m.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda – Lamiaa Youssef

Agenda approved unanimously

III. Review Minutes for August 22nd and September 19th FS Meetings – Lamiaa Youssef

Motion to accept Aug 22 meeting minutes (Black), seconded (Colakoglu) and vote was 19 yes, no votes against, none abstained

Motion to accept Sept 19 meeting minutes (Black) second (Colakoglu) and vote was 19 yes, no votes against, none abstained

Motion carries

Cathy Jackson entered, now 20 in attendance

IV. Report on from Treasurer – Nihal Colakoglu

Report from Dr. Colakoglu on money in Wells Fargo. EIN number issue has caused problems as this number is given to us by IRS but now this number is not working. Dr. Youssef and Dr. Colakoglu spent hours on this as issue is without proper identification number bank cannot keep account and yet we cannot get the money and open an account to put elsewhere without proper EIN and deadline is October 27th. Bank will issue a cashier’s check on 27th and we will not be able to cash the money without proper EIN number. Wells Fargo will close the account on October 27th.

Dr. Black makes motion to withdraw money from Wells Fargo by October 26th and pursue both NSU and NSU Foundation accounts, Dr. Haines seconds, 18 agree, abstention 2. Motion carries.


Dr. Thomas went over rules with protocol. Speak for a minute at a time and cannot speak until others have spoken.

VI. Membership on FS Standing Committees and University – Lamiaa Youssef

Names of committee members approved by FS Executive Committee were submitted to Provost. University committees are different from FS standing committees.

Dr. Black makes motion (Dr. Haines seconds) that we submit this list to Provost but tell Provost that FS is still considering committee membership and thinking through selection. Article 6 section 3 of Bylaws was cited.

Another senator came in, now attendance is 21.

Favor 11, against is 6, abstain 4

Motion carries.

VII. Faculty Handbook Amendments Discussion – Haines/Youssef

Dr. Haines chair of committee: deadline for us is October 31, 2017, to come together as a body for the BOV or earlier. Dr. Haines went over the committee report on handbook changes. Draft to
BOV was never presented to FS by administration. Many Faculty Senators put in a lot of work on previous drafts and the one that was voted on last year and was presented to administration by the deadline in Spring 2017 and none of that was incorporated into this draft. Work that was done by FS was not included in draft presented to BOV and could be in violation of SACSCOC because of shared governance issues. Changes suggested by Senate in Spring 2017 included correcting inconsistencies, and we don’t know why they were not included and those inconsistencies will still have to be dealt with. Primary changes are to ensure we are in compliance. Based on this draft we still do not see how we are accomplishing that goal. Amendments that change university structure, from a business perspective as we are in transition, should we be deferring to management to make major changes that could have long term consequences? Policy for what is in SCHEV and SACSCOC is looser than what these changes imply. Note changes could be applied post tenure, in which case some who are already tenured might not be qualified for their jobs based on the tight wording in the proposed draft. Dr. C. Jackson suggested this is reaching the point where faculty whose terminal degree does not have exact wording would be threatened with the specifics in the proposed handbook changes. Dr. Youssef sent this draft to all senators. Motion: Dr. Haines makes a motion, Dr. Black seconds: send survey out to get FS vote on supporting or not supporting the amendments. We motion vote by Monday, talk to departments and all FS will vote. 17 favor, none against, 4 abstain. Motion carries.

VIII. **Voting for Two Positions on Presidential Search Committee** – Youssef/Fernando/Thomas

Dr. Youssef explains how she was charged with search from BOV. EC has nominated FS president and vice president. As Chair of Elections Committee and FS Secretary, Dr. Fernando is charged with conducting this election.

Formal nominations begin. It is stated that representatives will be faculty senators. Dr. Fernando takes over the election process. Dr. Youssef serves as scribe to write nominations on board.

Nominations: Youssef, Black, C. Jackson, Isekeije

Dr. Fernando collects ballots.

Youssef, Black, C. Jackson, Isekeije formally nominated. Other names were written in.

**Results of Vote:** (reported by Dr. Fernando as Senate Secretary/Chair of Elections Committee) 22 senators voted, 21 cast 2 votes each, 1 senator cast 1 vote for total of 43 votes

**Votes per nominee:**

- Youssef: 14
- Black: 14
- C. Jackson: 5
- Isekeije: 7
- Alexander: 1
- Sawyer: 1
- Colakoglu: 1

**Dr. Youssef and Dr. Black were elected** to serve on the Presidential Search Committee

IX. **Adjournment:** The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

**Upcoming Meetings for 2017 & 2018**

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings:** Nov. 14, 2017, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, and April 10, 2018, 12:30–1:30 p.m., MAD Room 113

**Faculty Senate Meetings:** Nov. 21, 2017, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20, and April 17, 2018, 12:30–1:30 p.m., NGE Room 205