

INTERIM ACADEMIC SENATE (IAS)
Minutes of the March 9, 2010 Meeting

Welcome

Senate Vice-Chair, Elgloria Harrison, convened the meeting in the absence of Shelley Broderick, Senate Chair.

The following Senators were **PRESENT**:

Barnett, David (CSIT)	Mahmoud, Wagdy (Engineering)
Baxter, Grae (Provost)	Musgrove, G. Derek (History)
Ezeani, Eboh S. (AFE)	Pearson, Clarence (Eng/Arch/Aero)
Farmer, Shurron (Math)	Petti, Matthew (English)
Hanff, William (Mass Media & Perf Arts)	Rode, Meredith (Mass Media & Perf Arts)
Harrison, Elgloria (NAH)	Smith, George (School of Business)
Inmon, Katie (LRD)	Seyoum, Hailemichael (Chem/Phys)
Jackson, Terri (OGC)	Tannen, Michael
King Berry, Arlene (Education)	

Observers:

Green-Ridley, Gloria

Hartline, Beverly

Minutes

E. Harrison sought discussion, then approval of the February 2010 minutes. The minutes were accepted without opposition.

Order of Business

Committee Reports

• **Academic Standards, Programs and Policies Committee (ASPPC)**

Proposal for Online Courses

M. Petti reported that the ASPPC would not submit a recommendation to the Senate, but were available to answer questions. M. Petti advised that the proposal would affect new online courses; not those already in existence. Courses now online will be subject to an assessment.

After discussion, M. Petti brought a **motion** requesting: (i) the opportunity to get a recommendation from the ASPPC Committee; (ii) bring the matter to the Senate for a vote at the April 2010 meeting; and (iii) to post the proposal on Blackboard for faculty feedback. **The motion was approved without opposition.**

E. Harrison reminded senators of their duty to communicate with their departments.

- **Bylaw and Charter Committee**

No report. Provost provided update/comments in Old Business.

- **Admission/Retention Committee**

No report.

New Business

G. Baxter, Provost, reported receiving information from all schools to help develop a framework identifying areas of inquiry as they related to the University's land grant mission. The projected implementation of the strategic plan is ten years. The vision is "ambitious and in need of creativity."

Old Business

G. Baxter, Provost, sought to provide clarification as to the relationship of the Community College (CCDC) to the flagship and its participation in the Senate. The Provost explained that the "President's model was based on the City University of New York (CUNY) model, which would provide a great deal of autonomy for CCDC." The CCDC needed its own academic governance and would report, in the future, through the Board of Trustees' Academic Affairs Committee. Academic Senate was the Flagship Academic Senate.

G. D. Musgrove asked what would happen to the proposed charter as revised by the Committee and the considerable work provided by the Committee. G.D. Musgrove reported that faculty members were beginning to question the ability of the Senate to function and stated that it was important to give faculty a reason to believe in the Academic Senate.

G. Baxter stated that she was not certain at the outset what the model would be, but throughout the process she made clear that the Senate would ultimately provide "recommendations." She further stated that the Law School participated on the Academic Senate because it, unlike CCDC, was part of the Flagship.

Adjournment

The March 2010 Meeting of the IAS was adjourned upon proper motion made 3:49 pm.