

**INTERIM ACADEMIC SENATE (IAS)  
Minutes of the November 10, 2009 Meeting**

The following Interim Senators were **PRESENT**:

Abellera, Ben C. (Philosophy)	Musgrove, G. Derek (History)
Baxter, Grae (Provost)	Petti, Matthew (English)
Barnett, David (Computer Science)	Rode, Meredith (Mass Media & Perf Arts)
Broderick, Shelley (Law)	Smith, George (Business)
Cousin, Carolyn (Bio-Sciences)	Seyoum, Hailemichael (Chem/Phys)
Hanff, William (Mass Media & Perf Arts)	Farmer, Shurron (Math)
Harrison, Elgloria (NAH)	Inmon, Katie (LRD)
King-Berry, Arlene (Education)	Michael Tannen (School of Business)
Mahmoud, Wagdy (Engineering)	
Clarence Pearson (Engineering)	
Michael Watson (Student Representative)	
Lucius Thompson (Student Representative)	

**Excused absence:**

Harris, Margaret  
Jackson, Terri (OGC)  
Ezeani, Eboh C. (AFE)  
Petty, Rachel (CAS)

**Observers:**

Madsen, Holly (Provost Office)  
Beverly Hartline (Research and Graduate Studies)

**I. Welcome**

Shelley Broderick, Dean of the David A. Clarke School of Law and Chair of the Academic Senate opened the meeting by noting that a quorum had been reached.

**II. Minutes**

S. Broderick acknowledged and thanked E. Harrison for taking the minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting. S. Broderick also acknowledged that T. Jackson would not be able to attend the meeting today. S. Broderick called for a motion for the minutes of October 13, 2009. D. Musgrove moved to approve the minutes and A. King-Berry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **III. Introductions**

S. Broderick welcomed each senator's return and asked each to introduce themselves and indicate what department they represent. IAS welcomed two new student senators to the IAS: Lucius Thompson and Michael Watson.

### **IV. Committee Reports**

#### **Academic Standards, Programs and Policies Committee**

M. Petti indicated that the committee was scheduled to meet but was cancelled due to his illness. He indicated that the committee would have discussed revising the Policies and Procedures on implementation of new programs to include the graduate programs. Graduate proposals will be forwarded to the graduate dean for input before major work is done on the proposal.

M. Rode inquired about the Senate's relationship with the community college regarding the Fashion Design program. Provost Baxter indicated that the Fashion Design program was awkward from its inception. At present, the program is approved pending funding that would make the program self-sustaining. All degree-granting academic programs should be approved by the Interim Academic Senate (IAS) before being implemented at the University.

The question whether the community college should have voting representation or a liaison to the Senate was raised. Provost Baxter noted that in the very near future, the Community college would seek independence, including accreditation. While the Community College is working toward independence, there is still a need to work together for the good of the current students and future students from the Community College who will transition to the Flagship.

S. Broderick indicated that we should invite the academic dean of the Community College to become apart of this body for informational sharing purposes. Dr. Jackson should be added to the Senate list serve.

M. Rode indicated that the Dean's Council discussed the need for each department to begin a program review. This review will determine what programs are viable. Provost Baxter indicated that all programs are being reviewed as matter of course including programs that will cross all curriculums, like the revised general education curriculum, the Center of Urban Education, and others. As the University expands its program to include more graduate degrees, there is an opportunity to combine resources across a number of departments.

S. Broderick indicated that the Board of Trustees will only meet quarterly from now on and that the next meeting is scheduled for February, 2010. This means that any program

must be approved soon in order to be routed through the Board committees in time for their quarterly meeting.

### **Charter and By-Laws Committee Report**

Derrick Musgrove presented proposals following up from the October Senate meeting:

1. Delete the words “a copy of the minutes and record of the proceedings” and insert in their place, “a copy of the draft minutes and all approved action items and corresponding documents” after the words “the secretary shall” on page 2 of the Academic Senate By-Laws under section entitled “Duties of AS Officers.”

**This motion was made by D. Musgrove and seconded by E. Harrison. The motion was approved unanimously.**

2. Delete the words “one faculty representative from the David A. Clarke School of Law” from page one of the Academic Senate charter under the section titled “Membership.”

**This motion was tabled.** The issue of whether the Law school and the Community College should have voting representation will be considered by the Charter and By-Laws Committee. Recommendations will be made for the December meeting.

S. Broderick noted that the charter eliminated the presidentially appointed student representative. She added that this change was not included in the list of significant changes provided to the Senate and it was not discussed. D. Musgrove indicated that the committee had voted to reduce the student representation to two; and the IAS voted to approve this at the October meeting.

**M. Watson moved to add the presidentially appointed student back into the charter. The motion was seconded by L. Thompson. The Motion was defeated.**

### **Admission and Retention Committee Report**

No Report

### **V. New Business**

B. Hartline reported that there has been discussion regarding adding some steps in the Academic Standards, Programs and Policies Procedures to include review of graduate degree programs as noted by M. Petti.

B. Hartline also reported that the university has received a large grant from the Sloan Foundation to support the Professional Science Master's Alliance. The purpose of this alliance is to develop and coordinate new PSM degree programs and course at member HBCUs that serve the needs of employers in the Mid-Atlantic region and promote the enrollment of minority students. Dr. Hartline distributed to the senate a copy of the flyer indicating the new partnership.

**S. Broderick moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by E. Harrison and approved by the Senate at 4:00 pm.**