

**INTERIM ACADEMIC SENATE (IAS)
Minutes of the October 12, 2010 Meeting**

Welcome

Senate Chair, Shelley Broderick, formally opened the meeting at 2:18 p.m. and Senators and Observers introduced themselves.

The following Senators were **PRESENT**:

-Shurron Farmer (Mathematics)	-Eboh C. Ezeani (AFE)
-Shelley Broderick (Law)	-Katie Inmon (LRD)
-Terri Jackson (OGC)	-Ben C. Abellera (Philosophy)
-Matthew Petti (English)	-Michael Tannen (Management)
-Willie Faye Garrett (LCD)	-Wagdy H. Mahmoud (EE)
-William A. Hanff Jr. (MM V & PA)	-Elgloria Harrison (NAH)
-Grae Baxter (Provost)	-Arlene King-Berry (Education)
-George H. Smith (Business)	-Clarence Pearson (Architecture)

Observers:

-Josh Weber (<i>Academic Affairs</i>)	-Beverly Hartline (<i>Grad Studies & Research</i>)
-Hill, Sylvia (<i>UASSW</i>)	-Les Vermillion (<i>SBPA-Marketing</i>)
-Flowers, Angelyn (<i>UASSW</i>)	-George K. Zachariah (<i>Psych & Counseling</i>)

Minutes

The Senate approved the September 14, 2010 meeting minutes.

Order of Business

Committee Reports

- **Charter and By-laws Committee –**
Committee Chair G.D. Musgrove was not present for the meeting. Senate Chair Broderick provided a report in his absence. Governing documents (Charter and Bylaws) were sent to the Provost and the President and would then move on to the University's Board of Trustees. Assuming approval, the body would then be recognized as a permanent "Faculty Senate."
- **Academic Standards, Programs & Policies Committee**
Chair Matthew Petti advised the Senate of a pending matter before the committee: elimination of the Fire Science Program. The Chair also reported that the pilot for the GenEd Program was up and running with many collaborative, interdisciplinary courses and new courses expected in the Spring 2011 term. Petti followed up with Senate Chair Broderick about the correspondence to University President, Dr. Allen L. Sessoms seeking clarification on the Administration's review/elimination of program processes. Grae Baxter stated there were ethical considerations related to admitting students to a program that was "not productive." Baxter also stated that other institutions and potential employers had

determined that content majors (history, math, etc.) at the undergraduate level, who then went on to complete a master's in formal training/pedagogy, were the preferred candidates.

C. Pearson (Senator) stated that there was a concern that the Administration had "unilaterally" stopped admitting students without precedent and without the Senate. Senate Chair Broderick clarified the role of the Senate in the past to review program terminations and start ups and that this time the program in education had been "held in abeyance" pending final program review. She went on to state that the Senate should encourage the Administration to make program review a top priority.

Senators raised the following additional suggestions/concerns for future consideration:

- i. Recommend reducing major requirements to department chairpersons;
- ii. Request leadership and structure from the Office of Academic Affairs to determine minor requirements;
- iii. Recognize that major requirements are sometimes established by professional bodies;
- iv. Survey departments' decisions to change core requirements and teach classes that are more appropriately taught by the lead department.

- **Graduate Council Report**

Beverly Hartline offered and sought approval by the Senate for the MS in Homeland Security.

Action Item: Program passed unopposed and without abstention.

- **Admission and Retention Committee**

No report.

New Business

J. Weber provided a report on the progress of the University's Graduate School of Government. Weber's research concluded:

- i. Region is saturated with public policy and government administration programs.
- ii. Existing programs focused on think tanks and the federal government; did not provide a leadership component nor did they focus on the District.
- iii. With the exception of Howard University, other programs did not serve students of color and were too expensive. Weber also thought there was an opportunity to explore a program model that coordinated with paid internships.

Adjournment

The October 12, 2010 Meeting of the IAS was adjourned upon proper motion made.

Meeting Documents

- Proposal for M.S in Homeland Security