Welcome
Shelley Broderick, Dean of the David A. Clarke School of Law and Chair of the Interim Academic Senate opened the meeting requesting Interim Senators andObservers to introduce themselves and the recognizing newly elected Interim Academic Senate ViceChair, Elgloria Harrison.

The following Interim Senators were PRESENT:

Abellera, Ben C. (Philosophy)          Jackson, Terri (OGC)
Barnett, David                       King Berry, Arlene (Education)
Baxter, Grae (Provost)               Mahmoud, Wagdy (Engineering)
Broderick, Shelley (Law)            Musgrove, G. Derek (History)
Cousin, Carolyn (Bio-Sciences)       Pearson, Clarence (Eng/Archt/Aero)
Garrett, Willie Faye                 Petti, Matthew (English)
Glanville, Cheryl (Student Rep.)     Rode, Meredith (Mass Media & Perf Arts)
Haniff, William (Mass Media & Perf Arts)          Smith, George (School of Business)
Harris, Margaret                      Seyoum, Hailemichael (Chem/Phys)
Harrison, Elgloria                    Tannen, Michael
Inmon, Katie (LRD)                   

Observers:
Flowers, A                             El-Khawas, Mohamed         Jelev, S.
Bolig, Rosemary                        Green-Ridley, Gloria       Madsen, Holly
Brown, Brenda E.                      Hervey, Eurmon             Racine, Marie M.B.
Campfield, Rodney                      Hartline, Beverly          Stewart, Larry
Dessao, Deborah                       Howard, Virginia           Yates, Sandra

Minutes
S. Broderick sought discussion, then approval of the March 17, 2009 minutes.

Order of Business
Chair Broderick reminded Interim Senators of their charge to report to their Deans, Chairs and/or senior staffers about the work of the Interim Academic Senate and the availability of Meeting Minutes on the University’s web-based system, Blackboard.

A. King Berry sought clarification as to whether the Chair circulated a draft of the letter to the President as agreed upon at the March 17th meeting of the IAS. The Chair promised to circulate the letter the week of April 20th.
Committee Reports –

- Academic Standards, Programs and Policies Committee (ASPPC)

M. Petti reported on proposals that were before the committee for discussion by the entire body. The Chair advised the body that the proposals recommended by the Committee would be distributed to Interim Senators electronically for review and vote at the next meeting. M. Petti’s report included a proposal that concerned a large online teaching component. M. Petti recognized the efforts of Elgloria Harrison (IAS Vice Chair) and Gloria Green Ridley (Observer) to draft online teaching/distance learning guidelines. Observer, Mohamed El-Khawas wanted the minutes to reflect that guidelines and program proposals were before the Senate and “not whether the University or the faculty member owned the course, which is the issue currently being negotiated by the Union.” One observer stated that criminal justice is a “technology driven discipline” and online courses were often the “best way to reach a pool of students.”

The ASPPC also reviewed a request for termination of the Electronic Engineering program and agreed with termination for the reasons provided in the proposal. The proposal stated that the program lacked students and faculty and the department had no plans to hire faculty. The Committee thought that the course would be appropriate at the Community College. W. Mahmoud explained the reasons for termination and explained that the course was not moved to the Community College because there were currently “no students.” Interim Senators G.D. Musgrove, G. Baxter and M. Rode questioned whether it would be easier to “suspend” the program rather than “terminate.”

Observer Eurmon Hervey advised that the course was one of many being considered for inclusion in the Community College course offerings. E. Hervey also explained that while some programs may not have “numbers of students or faculty identified, those programs may have market relevance -which is a criteria for the Community College.” W. F. Garrett asked whether the department sought to eliminate the course from the course catalog. M. Rode suggested that the IAS contact the Office of the Registrar to better understand next steps.

Observer Gloria Green-Ridley advised the IAS that separating nursing programs for the Flagship school and the Community College could jeopardize program accreditation because of concerns with “change in structure.”

W. Mahmoud and M. Petti also confirmed that additional proposals are before the committee at the graduate/masters level, but were at the time of the meeting still incomplete and not yet ready for full Senate consideration.

- Bylaw and Charter Committee

G.D. Musgrove reported on the work of the committee to gather information and prepare a proposal for a permanent Charter and Bylaws. The committee will review faculty senate charters at peer institutions and solicit input from the UDC community. Drafting will take place in the summer (2009) for submission to the IAS in early Fall 2009.
S. Broderick explained that one change in the charter will be a proposal.

- **Admission and Retention Committee**
  Carolyn Cousin noted that the Committee had no report

**New Business**
E. Hervey requested the opportunity to make a presentation to the IAS on a new program for the Community College. The program proposal had been received by the ASPPC Committee on or about April 14, 2009. *A motion to hear the new program presentation was properly moved and accepted without opposition.*

Stephany Greene was introduced and she reported on the Fashion Merchandising Program she has been developing for the past two years. Greene explained the rationale for the program; identified funding sources to date; and identified corporate supporters. Greene intends to launch the program in Fall 2009.

S. Broderick requested the ASPPC to research whether a similar course had been offered before at the University.

A. King-Berry stated that the President stated at a City Council meeting that the early education and special education programs at the undergraduate level would remain and would not be terminated. The Provost, however, according to A. King-Berry stated at a meeting of the faculty that “the President did not mean that the programs would be continued.” A. King-Berry sought clarification.

G.D. Musgrove requested that the correspondence to the President concerning all programs emphasize the existence of a process and the need to follow the process when terminating a program. All terminations of program “must have a proposal.”

E. Hervey declared the need to “live out shared governance.”

**Adjournment**
The April 14, 2009 Meeting of the IAS was adjourned upon proper motion made, seconded, and approved at 3:05 pm.