

**INTERIM ACADEMIC SENATE (IAS)**  
**Minutes of the April 13, 2010 Meeting**

**Welcome**

Senate Chair, Shelley Broderick, opened the meeting at 2:23 p.m. Senators and Observers introduced themselves.

The following Senators were **PRESENT**:

Abellera, Ben C. (Philosophy)

Barnett, David (CSIT)

Baxter, Grae (Provost)

Broderick, Shelley

Cousin, Carolyn

Farmer, Shurron (Math)

Hanff, William (Mass Media & Perf Arts)

Harrison, Elgloria (NAH)

Jackson, Terri (OGC)

King Berry, Arlene (Education)

Musgrove, G. Derek (History)

Pearson, Clarence (Eng/Arch/Aero)

Petti, Matthew (English)

Rode, Meredith (Mass Media & Perf Arts)

Smith, George (School of Business)

Seyoum, Hailemichael (Chem/Phys)

**Observers:**

*Green-Ridley, Gloria*

*Hartline, Beverly*

*Krauthan, Helene*

*Racine, Marie*

*Reese, LaTanya*

*Turpin, Cherie Ann*

**Minutes**

The March 2010 meeting minutes were approved without opposition.

**Order of Business**

The Chair noted a minor change in the Agenda that would move the discussion concerning the Professional Science Master's Degree to a separate agenda item and not as part of the Academic Standards, Programs and Policies Committee report.

**Committee Reports**

• **Charter and By-laws Committee Report**

Committee Chair, G.D. Musgrove reported that the final draft of the Senate Charter no longer referred to Community College (CCDC) representation in the Senate. Musgrove and the Committee were assured that the CCDC was developing and would soon have a separate governance structure and the Committee was looking forward to working with the CCDC. The Chair recognized the hard work of the Committee to include surveys of best practices and recommendations of other institutions, American Association of University Professors and Middle States.

**Action Item:**

**The Senate approved the Charter without opposition.**

- **Professional Science Master's Degree (PSM)**

S. Broderick called upon Dean Beverly Hartline to report on the PSM and the work of the University's Graduate Council. B. Hartline explained that every department with a graduate program was represented by the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council had reviewed and approved the PSM. She highlighted the importance of the PSM noting that there were enough safeguards present to prevent students getting lost in the shuffle; the average salary for students with a PSM was \$60,000; and regular reviews would be performed by an organization external to the University, the Council of Graduate Schools.

**Action Item:**

**The Senate approved the PSM without opposition.**

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

Online Course Guidelines

M. Petti reminded the body that the Proposal for Online Course Guidelines had been discussed and circulated at earlier meetings.

**Action Item:**

**The Senate approved the Online Course Proposal Guidelines without opposition.**

General Education Proposal

The Committee requested that Dean April Massey present the new General Education Proposal to the Senate. Dean Massey described the work of the University-wide General Education Reform Committee culminating in a new program to be implemented in Fall 2010. A. Massey stated that the curriculum would be broad and interdisciplinary and relevant to the current and future life and work of UDC students. The delivery of core content would be driven by high impact practices. A. Massey explained that the General Education Reform Committee met weekly, presented to and received comments from departments from all over the University community.

**Action Item:**

The Senate determined that it would not vote on the proposal at this time, but would instead participate in the "vetting and engagement process" so as to create additional opportunities for input and feedback during the next two weeks.

**Adjournment**

The April 2010 Meeting of the IAS was adjourned upon motion at 4:00 pm.