

**Prairie View A&M University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
May 8, 2008**

Senate Speaker Grace Goodie convened the monthly meeting of the PVAMU Faculty Senate at 4:13 pm in Room 137 (Training Room) of the Juvenile Justice and Psychology Bldg.

**Senators Present:**

- Agriculture and Human Sciences: Grace Goodie, Annette James, Wash A. Jones
- Architecture: John Okello, Tracey Moore, Peter Wood
- Arts & Sciences: None present
- Business: Venu Balijepally, Gin Chong, Ahmed Mahfouz, Reginald Bell
- Education: D. J. Johnson
- Engineering: James Northern, Dhadesugoor Vaman
- Juvenile Justice & Psychology: Ronald Server
- Nursing: Odelia Peters
  - By videoconference: Eloria Simon-Campbell, Evelyn Whitley
- Guest: Frank Hawkins, Past Senate Speaker

▶ Minutes from the April meeting were approved as presented.

▶ Faculty Handbook: Senator Northern presented information about the Handbook; Northern distributed a revised copy of the Handbook which reflected changes suggested by System Attorney Jan Faber; The Senate addressed questions regarding the Grievances section of the document and information regarding faculty union membership. The Handbook is not included on the website currently but will be after official approval by all concerned parties; Goodie gave comments about the process of making changes to the Handbook; Various senators made suggestions for potential changes to the handbook or follow up action regarding the handbook, but no suggestions warranted a vote or action on the issue (dating of the document, approval line for signature(s), dissemination of the document at the Faculty Retreat). Senator Northern's report was accepted by the Senate.

▶ Faculty Mentoring Program: No report was given on this. Senator Booker requested that this issue be included on the first meeting agenda in fall 2008. Speaker Goodie suggested that the Executive Committee meet at least once during the summer to discuss this issue. Goodie invites other faculty to join the Mentoring Committee.

▶ University Academic Council: No report given.

▶ Regents Professor Award: The body sought interested persons for the committee. Senators Whitley, James and Northern were appointed to the committee to nominate faculty for this award. Secretary Jones is to send an email to Dr. Thomas-Smith to inform her about the committee composition.

► Executive Committee Election: The following senators were nominated and elected to the Senate Executive Committee:

- Speaker: Grace Goodie
- Vice Speaker: Dhadesugoor Vaman
- Secretary: Wash A. Jones
- Treasurer: James Northern
- Parliamentarian: Clarissa Booker
- Faculty-at-Large: Peter Wood, Pam Obiomon, Tracey Moore (Akel Kahera was a nominee but had not been re-elected to the Faculty Senate)

The following newly elected senators were sworn in and installed by Former Speaker Frank Hawkins: Senators Mahfouz, , Balijepally, Obiomon, Moore, D.J. Johnson

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Minutes recorded by Wash A. Jones, Senate Secretary