

Present: Jess Goodbey, Mark Sciuchetti, Sayyed Shah, Wendy Stephens, Rashad Ahmed, Erica Hardy, Reggie Overton, Karlie Johnson, Yingqi Tang, Jeff Dodd, Travis Easterling, Heidi Dempsey, James Watkins, Gordon Harvey, Jianping Huang, Kimberley Wickersham, Allison Newton, Jenna Ridlen, Laura Barrow, Tray Ridlen, William Hankins, Nathan Wight, Andres Crawley, Monica Trifas, Jeremy Ross, Michael Alvidrez, Christopher Murtagh, Carrie Kirk, Jewel Johnson, Missy Duckett
Absent: Chris Inman, Ahmad Alhammouri

**Jacksonville State University
Faculty Senate
January 9, 2023
Houston Cole Library 1103C**

Agenda

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm
2. There was a motion for approval of agenda by Karlie Johnson. A 2nd to the motion was received from Heidi Dempsey.
3. There was a motion for approval of Dec. 2022 minutes by Reggie Overton. Mark Sciuchetti provided a 2nd to the motion.

New business

- Calendar construction – Heidi Dempsey presented for the calendar task force. Senator Duckett and Senator Dempsey worked on calendar project and came up with a list to present to the University Calendar Committee. One goal was to make the academic calendar more consistent from semester to semester.
 1. Classes should start on Wednesdays consistently each Fall/Spring semester to help with faculty course planning. It will also even out the hours for MW and MWF classes compared to TTH classes.
 2. There should be a minimum of 2 days after the Thanksgiving break before finals start to give opportunity for office hours, student review session, makeup exams, and meetings with students to ask questions. Longer would be better for the music and drama department so that holiday performances can be scheduled.
 3. There should be time/days after the grades are due at the end of the semester for faculty to have the opportunity to meet with students, have department/college meetings, or committee meetings while faculty are still under contract.
 4. In the summer terms, there should be a minimum of a day between final exams and grades due to allow for grading and dealing with any student issues.
 5. In summer terms, the class days should be consistent between Summer 1 and Summer 2. When a discrepancy occurs, this adds unnecessary work to the faculty to alter their calendar between the two terms and makes classes inconsistent.
 6. A Friday holiday around midterms would be appreciated by Faculty and students. It could be considered a Fall break or a Winter break depending on the semester. This would allow time for faculty to submit midterm grades on all students.

7. Consistent feedback from all faculty that responded was that students do better on finals when they are scheduled Wednesday to the following Tuesday with a weekend in the middle. This allows more time for the students to study for their later finals and more time for faculty to grade final exams and final term papers.

There was a motion to endorse these recommendations from faculty senate by Reggie Overton and Karlie Johnson provided the 2nd. The vote had no opposition.

- Branding Refresh – Sydney Jones

Tim Garner the Chief marketing officer and Chris Newsome webmaster presented the branding refresh which was also presented to the Board of Trustees today. President Killingsworth wants a branding refresh which is more economical than new branding. This has been reviewed and brand refreshing is underway. Three logos were tested by the President's cabinet and the SGA and one was picked. The refresh is to prevent constant confusion between Jackson State and Jacksonville University with Jacksonville State University. Historically, JSU has utilized Jax State in the past so we will be using Jax State in our branding refresh. There is a different font and look which will now be used. It will be a dynamic change. The timeline began in October 2022 and the new logo was chosen. The phase in will technically begin in October 2023 with the new budget year. The current logo will still be available and can still be used but would have to be approved by marketing. Jackson State trademarked JSU a long time ago and they have partnered with us to allow us to use it all these years. This branding refresh will allow us to be differentiated from other schools.

- Policies:

The Drug and alcohol policy is vague but is consistent with what is expected on a college campus.

Student duty to cooperate- This policy is seen by Senators as a coercive policy. Is this violating certain civil liberties. We want to make sure that the legality has been reviewed.

Please send any feedback to President Stephens on these policies.

Old business

- Recycling: Chief Barton has a connection related to recycling. A JSU club will have to take this service project on.
- Open Carry- This is being looked into this by the provost and Chief Barton. Updates to come.
- Baseline faculty morale survey- Looking for a Senator to take this on for the Provost.
- Scholar's Code – Feedback is requested for the February meeting – Send any questions or comments to Senators Dodd and Duckett
- SGA update- SGA is also presenting a calendar to the University Calendar Committee. The SGA also has a group to meet with regarding recycling. The issue of open carry has been discussed with SGA. Legally, Students are able to have guns in their cars. That is not changing as of now. Get on Board Day is Thursday of this

week. Other organizations do not seem to know about it on campus. Emails are being sent out to the organizations. It is suggested by a faculty senator that faculty advisors should be on emails going out to group/club presidents. SGA is trying to create a form to be used to recruit faculty advisors. SGA President asked if having the Deans reach out to faculty would promote participation. The faculty senators felt this would.

- Anonymous Communication Form
<http://tinyurl.com/FCconcern>

The question was raised if it is helpful to have the President and Provost report given monthly at the faculty senate meetings. It is felt by some senators that it would be helpful to have times without administrative reports to work on business and committee policies, etc. It was proposed to have a half day faculty senate retreat every fall.

We discussed dissemination of minutes not being made public until after they are voted on at the next monthly meeting. The issue was raised that if this is done the news updates to faculty being a month old and not current/relevant. The provost has said in many prior meetings that updates to faculty should be sent out from each meeting. A faculty senator questioned whether this was our role or should be provided by administration. These concerns will be discussed with the provost again.

The next meeting will be February 13, 2023.

A motion for adjournment was made by Senator Karlie Johnson and a second was made by Senator Heidi Dempsey. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.