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## **FACULTY ASSEMBLY/SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

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Thursday, March 03, 2016, 3:00 pm  
Hannah Hall, Room 111

### ***Senator Members Chair & Vice Chair***

Dr. Rasoul Saneifard (Chair)      College of Science, Engineering and Technology  
Dr. Edieth Wu (Vice Chair)      Thurgood Marshall School of Law

### ***Senate Members Present***

Abobo, Cyril	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Anga, Ahunanya	Senator, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Asare, Nana	Senator, College of Education
Bell, Edward	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Caussinus, Marylise	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Cavil, J. Kenyatta	Senator Secretary, College of Education
Georges-Abeyie, Daniel	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Ghemri, Lila	Senator, The Graduate School
Hollomon, Mario	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Ibitayo, Olurominiyi	Senator Treasurer, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Jemison Pollard, Dianne	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Ojode, Lucy	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Perez-Feliciano, Luis	Senator Editor, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Reynolds, Lacey	Senator, College of Education
Saneifard, Rasoul	Senator Chair, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Thomas, Graham	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Tymczak, Christopher J.	Senator, College of Science Engineering and Technology
Woldie, Mammo	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Wu, Edieth	Senator Vice Chair, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Yousefipour, Zivar	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

### ***Senate Members / Colleges Not in Attendance***

Chaudhuri, Nupur	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Humphrey, Regis	Senator, School of Communication
Perkins, Carlton	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Walker-Hawkins, Vera	Senator Parliamentarian, School of Communication

### ***Senate Members / Not in Attendance (Alternative Representative)***

Carrington, McKen	TM School of Law - (Faculty Senate General Counsel)
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### ***Guest(s) from Faculty Assembly or University***

Thomas, William	Assistant Vice President, Division of Student Services
Labrie, Lori	Student Ombudsman



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### **Call to Order**

C = Comments, R = Response, and Q = Question

Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard called the March 2016 meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:09 pm on Thursday, March December 3, 2016.

### **Approval of the February 2016 Senate Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 were reviewed. A motion was made by Senator Dianne Jemison Pollard and seconded by Senator Lucy Ojode as subject of any modification sent by emails to Senator Secretary J. Kenyatta Cavil.

The minutes from February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were reviewed. A motion was made by Senate Vice Chair Edieth Wu and seconded by Senator Diane Jemison Pollard as subject of any modification sent by emails to Senator Nana Asare.

### **Announcement**

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Opened the meeting with an announcement of the Presidential search. Stated the Board of Regents selected two faculty members to serve on the Presidential search committee.

*Discussion on floor by several Senators*

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Several senators expressed concern that the Board of Regents did accept the Faculty Senate's full recommendation (i.e. the Faculty Chair (in this case, Raoul Saniefard) serve on the Presidential committee).

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Invited Dean of Students, William (Bill) Thomas and Student Ombudsman, Lori Labrie to discuss students' behavior in the classroom.

### **Guest**

C: Dean of Students William (Bill) Thomas: Provided documentation on the number of incidents/infractions on 11 items have been reported (five incidents/infractions this semester).

*Discussion on floor by several Senators*

Is there a plan to develop a university policy on cellular device usage during lectures?

C: Dean of Students Bill Thomas: Stated one the policy of cellular phone use will be placed in your syllabus.

Can the Dean of Students' office provide an explanation on the outcome of adjudicated?

C: Dean of Students Bill Thomas: Yes, usually an update will be provided on the incidents/infractions to the professor.



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C: Student Ombudsman Lori Labrie: There is a changing landscape for our students. We need to consider that when making our decisions in the classroom. There are some issues with several students matriculating that started at the Northwest Campus.

*Discussion on floor by several Senators*

### **Announcement (Continue)**

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Make sure senators take back to their academic units the need to make sure they are lecturing their courses as scheduled.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Provided comments on the summer school class offerings and budget. Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard stated he was told that the summer's budget was reduced by 20 percent. Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard brought the issue to the provost. It was stated by the provost that this summer's budget was the same budget that was allocated last summer. We will receive a fixed salary (likely \$3,000) for the summer budget in the near future.

*Discussion on floor by several Senators*

C: Several Senators: Discussed issues with department chairs and deans on summer schedule. Make sure you communicate incidents/infractions to proper officials. The JHJ School of Business faculty addressed this issue by coming together to state they would not teach classes for \$3,000.

### **New Business**

Q: Senator Graham Thomas: Questioned a parking committee memo regarding the date on the memo and the date it was sent?

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated he usually sends all correspondence as soon as it is received.

Q: Senator Lucy Ojode: Stated a concern on how the Faculty Senate is dealing with recent gun-carry legislation.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated there were university forums to discuss this issue and unfortunately there were not many faculty members in attendance.

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Stated an inconsistency of how publications are scored for the tenure and promotion.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Remembered when such issues arise make sure individuals communicate infractions to proper officials.

*Discussion on floor on the tenure and promotion policy*



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### **Old Business**

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced issues related to SOPA

1. Grade tampering
2. Recall of Chair
3. UPEP
4. Violations of Faculty Manual regarding hiring

C: Senator Olurominiyi Ibitayo: Stated there is another issue of grade tampering and I will report back to the department.

### **Committee Reports**

N/A

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Ask for the question. Senator Mammo Woldie moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Lucy Ojode seconded it

Meeting Adjourned 5:01pm