

**MINUTES, MAY 8, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President-Elect Kenneth Bowman called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and stated that an election for new offices will be held, in accordance with his announcement to the entire faculty body at a recent faculty plenary session held in Room 301. In recognition of a quorum (See Attachment “A”, Attendance List), Professor Peter Ndoma-Ogar moved that an election of officers be withheld until the bylaws of the Senate have been reviewed. Professor Remigius Onwumere seconded the motion. After a group discussion about the necessity of carrying forward the elections to prevent any further time delay in getting the senate moving on important issues, Professor Onwumere withdrew his second to the motion. Motion withdrawn. Elections were held by secret ballot and Professor Greg Carr and Professor Money Guiden read the tallied votes to the senate. The results are as follows:

President: Johndavid Kerr

Vice-President: Le’Cresha Mosley

Secretary: Mary Pier

Following the announcement of the newly-elected officers, President Kerr thanked the senate and offered words of appreciation to Professor Bowman for all of his hard work and contributions to the senate and governance matters for the betterment of the University. President Kerr also asked Professor Bowman to help provide “successor transitioning advice and guidance” in assisting the senate to meet its goals in its transitory state. Professor Bowman agreed and said that he will provide examples of previous faculty senate minutes and sample senate bylaws.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Policies and Procedures for Promoting Transparency**

President Kerr discussed the importance of handling the volume of motions and governance concerns that will come before the senate, and recommended that the senate consider a portfolio “filtering” management process, in which all issues will be channeled into one of three categories: 1) short-term issues generally requiring attention and resolution within 90 days; 2) intermediate or long-term issues generally requiring attention and resolution within 180 days; and 3) catch-all governance issues generally requiring attention and resolution within the academic year. President Kerr said that this issues management process will provide the senate with data sets that can be studied, analyzed and graphed to show and document the range and depth of faculty issues and concerns, and with such data, the senate will be able to show and document what actions were taken and what results were achieved.

Secretary Pier read the motion in its entirety to everyone and senate members discussed the proposed process and how this approach will streamline the actions of the senate in its decision making, and will provide a working system to move motions for consideration and, as applicable, for formal recommendations to the Board of Regents. Vice-President Mosley made a

motion and Professor Money Guiden seconded the motion. All were in favor, with no abstentions. Motion passed.

President Kerr also suggested publicizing the agenda of meetings in advance to promote transparency. Dr. Mosley suggested that suggestions included using a Webinar format during meetings and a ListServ or blog for advance comments about issues from the full faculty. The Senate will explore using technology to allow input at all levels about the issues within the time constraints of the monthly business meetings. Secretary Mary Pier, Professor Greg Carr, and Vice-President Le'Cresha Mosley expressed interest in working with the Office of Communications and Media Relations to explore these technological solutions.

## 2. Bylaws

The consensus of the senate is that the 2002 Bylaws need to be reviewed and revised. This work will be accomplished over the summer of 2012 so that the document may be presented to the entire faculty at the August Faculty Institute. Professor Bowman graciously offered to provide sample bylaws from which the senate can review and amend the current document.

## 3. Bringing a motion

Secretary Pier made a motion and Professor Onwumere seconded the motion. The motion states that the procedure for making motions, as formally considered by the Harris-Stowe State University Faculty Senate, must follow a prescribed two-step procedure: 1) Any faculty member of Harris-Stowe State University may bring a motion to their college or school faculty senate representative; and, 2) If it is seconded by another senator representative from any college or school, it will be brought to the Faculty Senate for consideration and review, in accordance with the prioritization process described above in section III., item 3. Motion passed.

## 4. Future Meetings

After discussion, it was decided that the Harris–Stowe State University Faculty Senate will continue to have regular meetings during the summer on the third Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m, unless otherwise noted. It was further decided that the Faculty Senate will hold regular, public meetings on the third Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m. during the academic year, unless otherwise noted.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

V. **ACTION CALENDAR** – None

VI. **STANDING REPORTS** – None

VII. **OTHER REPORTS** – None

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pier,  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**ATTENDANCE LIST, MAY 8, 2012**

1. KENNETH BOWMAN
2. GREG CARR
3. MARY PIER
4. MONEY GUIDEN
5. LE'CRESHA MOSLEY
6. JOHNSDAVID KERR
7. REMIGIUS ONWUMERE
8. PETER NDOMA-OGAR

ABSENT: BETTY WALLS