



and the guidelines have not been updated. Similarly, Past Senate Presidents Smith and Freeman explained the need for electronic voting since face-to-face meetings did not always yield a sufficient number of nominees. President Sipes clarified for Dr. Jackson the separate procedures for the votes on new senators and then officers.

#### b. Faculty Senate Resolutions

President Sipes noted that the external consultants had worked on resolutions for faculty but without senate input. The executive committee will work on reviewing the resolutions. Ex comm will then bring those revised resolutions to the general faculty.

President Sipes addressed a recent *State Journal* article where consultant Cary Nelson declared senate to be white controlled. She noted that no one knows who voted how in the recent confidence votes and pointed out that the number of white senators and those of color is similar. She stressed that each person has only one vote. VPAA Jackson and a guest objected to reducing the issue to numbers. Another guest pointed out how numbers do not necessarily tell the story when one considers situations such as Apartheid-era South Africa. A third guest noted that white faculty intentionally joined the university with appreciation for its HBCU heritage and that the language being used by the consultants is further dividing us. A senator noted his

that only two of the four senate officers are white. Dr. Jackson argued that we need to confront the issue that we have a situation wherein a group of faculty have felt so marginalized that they have created their own caucus. the concerns of others is the key.

A quorum was achieved at 3:53pm, so the meeting proceeded with business.

#### 3. Report of the Academic Policies Committee Joe Moffett

Chair Moffett discussed two action items the committee had been working on for some time. The first, APC 16-17.01 Remedial Course Repeat Credit, is intended to help students improve their GPAs since remedial courses advantage of the repeat option. This item suggested a remedy to the situation. Reservations were expressed, however, about the number of substitutions, particularly where Math was concerned. The Registrar said that she would like to have more time to consider the issue, so the item was tabled.

The next item, APC 16-17.06 Course Cancellation Policy, was similarly tabled because the Registrar wanted more time to review the document and to consider how she might make suggestions for additions or alterations.

#### 4. Report of the Curriculum Committee Ken Andries

Chair Andries was away at a conference so Senator Robert Griffin filled in for him.

CC 16-17.40 Revised PHI Courses

This item was an updated version reviewed at the last senate meeting. It had been sent back to committee. Senator Gary Elliott was present to explain the alterations he had made.

The item passed unanimously.

CC 16-17.49 EDU Hours for PHE 323

School of Education Chair Jo Anne Rainey was present to explain that this proposal changed the course from 2 to 3 hours. At some point in the past the hours had been reduced but they really should be 3. Discussion ensued about how the Education program has separate curriculum

The item passed unanimously.

CC 16-17.50 EDU 204

This item passed unanimously, but with the friendly amendment that language related to making it an IGS course be dropped since that needs to happen through a separate curriculum revision process.

CC 16-17.51 EDU Title Change for EDU 323

The item passed unanimously.

CC 16-17.52 EDU Deletion of four courses; create EDU 454

Conversation began on this item, but at 4:37pm President Sipes noted that the quorum had been lost. Dr. Rainey explained that the course simplified the student teaching oversight for an instructor.

sick leave that was taken away. Dr. Jackson responded that the day to day operation of the university was the responsibility of President Burse and he should have notified everyone, not the Board; they would have expected him to have done that. Senate Vice President Kumar added that staff are equally affected. Dr. Jackson asked if this action was on behalf of staff too? Chair Glass responded that it is not an attempt to speak on their own behalf. President Sipes suggested the possibility of a joint resolution.