

Chair of the Faculty Senate

May 14, 2013

TO: Dr. Valerie L. Epps
Vice President of Student Affairs

FROM: Connie M. Webster, PhD *cmw*
Chair, Faculty Senate

Subject: Faculty Senate Motion Regarding the Election of the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees

Please find below a motion brought before the Faculty Senate at its meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2013:

Motion:

It was moved that the Faculty Senate send written notice to the UDC Administration and the Board of Trustees requesting that the 2013 election for the Student Member of the Board of Trustees be set aside.

Rationale: The election process was seriously flawed whereas:

1. There was no legitimate election committee; that is, no regular teaching faculty chaired the election committee as is prescribed in the elections guideline
2. There was no fair and reasonable timeframe for students candidates to campaign for such an important position; that is, requiring student candidates to campaign the week that students returned from Spring Break and within a four and one-half day period where one of the days was a Friday when the majority of students at the Flagship and Community College campuses were not on campus and two of the days were Saturday and Sunday when very few undergraduate students were available resulted in lack of proper notification of elections. The five-day period for campaigning for Student Trustee should be work days, only, Monday through Friday.
3. Glitches in the on-line link for voting may have resulted in disenfranchisement of students at both the Community College campus and the Flagship campus.

The motion did carry with a majority vote, therefore this notification is being sent to you as the appropriate administrator and a copy will also go to the office of Mrs. Beverly Franklin, to the attention of the Chair of the Board of Trustees for appropriate action/response.

Respectfully Submitted