

**2015-2016 University Senate  
Minutes for the 16 Oct 2015 Meeting**

*University Senate Officers: Presiding Officer John R. Swinton, Presiding Officer Elect Chavonda Mills, Secretary Craig Turner*

**PRESENT (23)** Angel Abney, Karen Berman, Louis Bourne, Nicole DeClouette, Donovan Domingue, Josie Doss, Renee Fontenot, Heidi Fowler, Emily Gomez, David Johnson, Mary Jean Land, Yeprem Mehranian, Chavonda Mills, Stephanie Opperman, Barbara Roquemore, Mike Rose, Carol J. Sapp, Susan Steele, John R. Swinton, Craig Turner, Allison VandeVoort, Shaundra Walker, James J. Winchester.

**ABSENT (10)** Netta Ben-Hashal, Ruth J. Carter, Jolene Cole, David McIntyre, Ben McMillan, Kevin Morris, Joanne Previts, Vicky Robinson, Claire Sanders, Tom Toney.

**REGRETS (16)** Susan C. Allen, Kay Anderson, Kelli Brown, Jan Clark, Steve Dorman, Douglas A. Goings, Juawn Jackson, Brittiny Johnson, Juan Ling, Daniel McDonald, Lyndall Muschell, Amy Pinney, Katie Simon, Daniel Simpson, Costas Spirou, Howard Woodard.

*Sadly we note the passing of selected staff senator Eve Puckett (1960-2015) in whose memory we held a moment of silence. For this reason, her name does not explicitly appear in the official attendance record of this meeting.*

**GUESTS (2)**

| First Name | Last Name | 2015-2016 Committee | Description<br>Role on University Senate or Position at the University |
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| Wendy      | Mullen    | None                | 2015-2016 Provost Fellow   |
| John       | Sirmans   | APC                 | Parliamentarian of the 2015-16 University Senate                       |

**PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

- **QUORUM:** At 3:30pm, Presiding Officer John R. Swinton announced to those present that quorum had not been achieved and that his intention was to await the arrival of additional senators and call the meeting to order if quorum was achieved yet not wait beyond 3:45pm.
- **EVE PUCKETT:** Presiding Officer John R. Swinton also indicated he intended to request a moment of silence in memory of Selected Staff Senator Eve Puckett.
- **UNIVERSITY SENATE PIN:** Presiding Officer John R. Swinton distributed a university senator pin to Mary Jean Land during this wait time.

**CALL TO ORDER:** John R. Swinton, Presiding Officer of the 2015-2016 University Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and announced quorum had not been achieved so that no business could be conducted. He requested a moment of silence in memory of Selected Staff Senator Eve Puckett with the following remarks.

*Please join me in observing a moment of silence in remembrance of Eve Puckett. She has served this university for her entire professional career and has deeply touched many lives. She will be missed by many.*

**ADJOURN:** As no further business could be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.