

College of the Marshall Islands
Friday 9 October, 11:10 AM – 12:00 PM
Faculty Senate – Minutes of Discussion (Unofficial Meeting; No Quorum)

Chair: Adedayo Ogunmokun – FS President

Deputy Chair: Alvin Page – FS Vice President

Minute taker: Alexander Velasquez – FS Secretary and Treasurer

Quorum: 23 needed; not reached.

- a. Andrea shared the schedule for the FS T&L Series; she wanted to fill in speakers for open dates on the schedule.
- b. Adedayo brought up that there was a data summit meeting, hence the poor attendance at FS. He commented that if 8 members are out at the data summit meeting, then we are supposed to have 39 members. So, where are they?
- c. I commented that only 7 faculty emailed me and excused themselves. Subtract those 7 with the faculty members in the Data Summit meeting, there could potentially be 32 faculty members. Only 18 were present.
- d. One member commented that if we changed the attendance requirement to 1/3rd, then we could, in theory, still have this meeting, as we look unprofessional;
- e. Amy: I would not want 1/3rd of the faculty voting in my best interest; I think if people apologize for not attending, then they give up their vote and there should be one less person required for quorum on that particular day.
- f. Adedayo: If we don't attend faculty in-service training, there are repercussions. But there are no repercussions for missing FS Senate. The issue is ensuring that people participate. Maybe someone, if they are missing, could choose for someone to vote on their behalf. They could inform the secretary, and that person would stand for two votes on that day. Or maybe if anyone sends an apology/excuse to the secretary, then they must trust the majority to vote in their best interest and give up their vote on that day.
- g. Alex: I'm going to set up an excel sheet with attendance from the last three meetings, and we'll see who has been absent and who has been present.
- h. Andrea: You can send out a Google form to those who have not been present and get some data on why they have not been attending.
- i. Anonymous Member: We need some kind of punishment; if we miss faculty in-service, then we lose pay; nothing happens if you miss senate.
- j. Anonymous Member: A lot of people think FS is powerless, and many people don't want to show up. They feel it's useless and a waste of time.
- k. Adedayo: Has this been communicated to administration?
- l. Anonymous Member: Coming to senate the past few semesters has just been getting slammed with negative administrative stuff. Every time we talk about making a change, the move gets struck down. But, for the present, we should go forward with these ideas. Simple majority is not working. I'm happy to let the 1/3rd go.
- m. Options for change in quorum:
 - i. Proxy – if you can't attend, then you are still part of the quorum.
 - ii. Apology to the secretary reduces quorum requirement by the number of excuses
 - iii. Quorum when there is an executive council + secretary + 10% of faculty
- n. Anonymous Member: It's dangerous to give too much power to a minority.
- o. Anonymous Member: It's more dangerous to have administration come to us saying we are not doing anything.
- p. Andrea: Okay, then let's increase the percentage.
- q. We need to nominate two members to the participatory government. Two members must serve us to assess if participatory governance is working or not working.
- r. Amy: Let's nominate two people, email them, and if there is no objection, then they are elected.
- s. Participatory Governance Nominations: Amy and Alvin
- t. No objections to Alvin and Amy, no abstentions.