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## **Research and Graduate Studies Committee (Dr. Paramijit “Perry” Kahai, Chair)**

Dr. Kahai reported that the committee met today prior to the Senate meeting. Present at the meeting were Drs. Bhuyan, Bender, and Nayak. The committee plans to continue working on the Mastersø programs being offered at the university and determine how much research grant money goes towards indirect cost and faculty support. Dr. Bender noted that they had a great meeting and talked about the potential of graduate programs in the future. She looks forward to the continued collaboration with Dr. Bhuyan in establishing a standard for graduate programs. More meetings are forthcoming.

Dr. Ndi asked Dr. Chitra Nayak, Chair of the General Education committee, to share with the assembly the General Education syllabus template. Dr. Nayak indicated that the General Education committee had not met in 10 years. After meeting with the department chairs and deans over the last year, they have developed a template for all General Education courses and propose that all students use the same standard form. (*See Attachment #3-General Education Syllabus Template*)

Also, ip"t'gur qpug"vq"ft0Vki j o cpø't'gr qtv."Dr. Nayak indicated that the General Education Committee has reached out to representatives of Blackboard Ultra and a meeting is scheduled for Friday at 8:00 a.m. Faculty were encouraged to attend. A ðv̄gco ü group has also been set-up. Faculty should have received a link from their Deans. Faculty will be able to post questions or hpf "cpuy gtu'lp"j g'HCS ø0

### **Update**

Dr. Ndi announced that this is his last meeting as Chair of the Senate and that the April meeting is an election meeting only. He will form an electoral committee and prepare a list of senators in their final term. Officers to be elected are Chair, Vice-Chair, Executive Secretary and Committee Chairs.

Upon completion of the Senate's business, the remaining time was yielded to our guest, Ms. Monteria Robinson, mother of the late Jamarion Robinson, a Tuskegee University student.

Dr. Ndi thanked Ms. Robinson again for her willingness to speak to our faculty about the unfortunate loss of her son to police brutality. According to Mrs. Robinson, Jamarion was shot 76 times during a police raid on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Dr. Ndi suggested that if arrangements are made, she should speak to our students and strongly encouraged faculty to allow attendance if such an event takes place. He also noted that what is happening in our society should be an eye opener for all of us, and this is needed because our students, under our watch, should know how to protect themselves. Ms. Robinson welcomed the opportunity.

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Her statement, members of the Senate applauded and commended her efforts on behalf

Dr. Ndi thanked Mrs. Robinson for her presentation and ensured her that her plea did not fall on deaf ears. As he said earlier, he would really like for her to come back and speak to our students. Once he gets a date, it will be shared with colleagues and students. "The efforts of what you are doing needs to be shared with our students." Mrs. Robinson commented that many TU students already follow her on social media, and it was their support and comments that motivated her to reach out to the administrators of the university. She thanked us for having her and to let her know the date and details of her next invitation.

Before adjourning, Dr. Ndi reminded the group that the next Senate meeting will be for elections only.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



**Attachment #1-Academic Affair Committee Report**





Project	Lead	Status	Observations
(c)Healthy eating habits video for same audience			

done past SMART MONEY training of TU students and suggesting that maybe we should contact the coordinator to see how we could use what they had already done.

**Attachment #3-General Education Syllabus Template**

*Multiple sections of the same course should have same course objectives and outcomes. List of 3-5 course objectives.*

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**Chair: Dr Bill F. Ndi**

**Vice Chair: Dr. Jay Bhuyan**

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