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From: President
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 2:49 PM
To: GSU Community
Subject: Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth II

Dear Colleagues:

It is with a heavy heart that I write to tell you of the passing of Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, second president of Governors State University. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth died Sunday, January 20, at his home in LaQuinta, California. He was 88. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth served as GSU's President between October, 1977 and July, 1992.

During his fifteen years as GSU president, Dr. Goodman-Malamuth was instrumental in revising its curriculum, redesigning its colleges, and developing a new student grading system. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth reorganized the university's administration, establishing the first office of Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Goodman-Malamuth was an early supporter of GSU's Center for Performing Arts, a cultural jewel in the Chicago Southland. He commissioned several works of art for the nationally-renowned Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. He helped establish the GSU Foundation, the university's fund-raising arm. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth expanded GSU's use of communications technology, especially through the use of telecourses that were transmitted all around the United States.

"He was an excellent president who brought a feeling of community and spirit to GSU," said Dr. David Curtis, former GSU Provost, who worked with Dr. Goodman-Malamuth for many years. "I loved the man."

A California native, Dr. Goodman-Malamuth was Vice President for Academic Affairs at California State University at Long Beach prior to his appointment as GSU President. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth joined California State University at Long Beach as an assistant professor. During his twenty years, at California State he progressed through faculty ranks in his field of audiology and speech pathology. He received a BA degree in speech, radio-TV; an MA in speech pathology; and a Ph.D. in speech pathology and communication from the University of Southern California. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

In December, 1994, the GSU Foundation Board of Directors approved the Leo and Margaret Goodman-Malamuth Endowed Scholarship in Media Communications Technologies. Most of the funds for this scholarship were donated by Dr. and Mrs. Goodman-Malamuth during his tenure as GSU president. Additional funding was contributed to the endowment at the time of Margaret's death in 1993, with contributions made in love and respect by university faculty and staff, and by friends from throughout the region.

In 2009, Dr. Goodman-Malamuth returned to GSU for the university's 40th anniversary celebration, taking part in a panel discussion on the university's past and future. I remember a phone conversation not all that long ago with Dr. Goodman-Malamuth, informing him that GSU received the necessary

approval to admit freshmen in 2014. Leo was thrilled. He understood in a fundamental way that GSU was continuing the forward movement that he had championed during his tenure at GSU. That phone call remains a special memory for me.

No funeral or memorial service is planned for Dr. Goodman-Malamuth at this time. His family said that a celebration of life in his honor will take place later this year on a date to be determined. Condolences can be sent to the GSU President's Office. They will then be forwarded to Dr. Goodman-Malamuth's wife, Lois.

I know that you will join me in fondly remembering a man who gave so much to this university.

Sincerely,
Elaine P. Maimon, Ph.D.
President