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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes, May 15, 2003**

Senators Present: Michael Dimitroff, Russ Carter, Mercedes Graf, Ralph Bell, Jeannine Klomes, Heikki Heino, Dalsang Chung, Winfried Rudloff, Kyusuk Chung, Maribeth Kasik, Beth Hansen Shaw, Ann Vendrely, Rashidah Muhammad

Guests: Paul Keys, Colleen Rock Cawthon, Eric Martin, Lisa Hendrickson, Roger Bennett, Becky Wojcik

Dimitroff called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Reports

Administration (Keys)

Provost Keys reported that the President will be preparing a budget message as soon as the budget is finalized. Dimitroff stated that the President will attend the June 19 Faculty Senate meeting to address budget issues.

Roger Bennett, Interim Dean of the College of Education, was introduced.

Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee (UCC) (Muhammad)

Muhammad reported that the committee reviewed the Academic Program Reviews and found that all the programs met the requirements stipulated by IBHE. The one-year catalog is printed. A limited number of hard copies are available; the catalog will be online. The UCC intends to meet through Block 2 of the spring/summer trimester. The committee is currently revising curriculum forms. UCC information is posted on a website at http://www.govst.edu/ucc/tent_agenda.htm

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (Kasik)

Kasik distributed summaries of the March 28 and May 2 IBHE FAC meetings and a proposal for the addition of a seventh goal for the Illinois Commitment. The March 28 meeting focused on budget issues. Dan Layzell led the discussion. The faculty expressed concern about the SURS board composition, the 8% reserve, and the FY04 budget cuts. There was further discussion of the budget at the May 2 meeting. Some key points from that meeting were 1) “Most people believe that faculty acting as private citizens’ will be the most effective way to impact the budget decisions.” 2) “The UPI position on faculty conditions has been used against faculty in Higher Ed ‘We are a house divided and we are being conquered.’ The definition of administrator is also being used broadly to give the impression of bloat.” And 3) “Diane Gilleland pointed out that form letters get grouped. . .and groups get discounted. Individual letters and phones get logged in.”

Kasik presented the *Proposal for Addition of a Seventh Goal for the Illinois Commitment* and explained that the IBHE FAC requested individual Faculty Senates to endorse the proposal. The

proposed seventh goal is: “The collective efforts of Illinois colleges and universities will enhance and enrich the quality of life for all Illinois citizens.” Kasik moved to endorse the proposal. Muhammad seconded the motion. The proposal was discussed and comments included: 1) It does not seem to do anything to enhance the quality of Illinois citizens. 2) It seems grandiose. 3) It is an ideal goal. 4) GSU is already doing this (the FDC and Reading Literacy Zone). 5) The issue seems to be collective responsibility vs. individual responsibility as it pertains to quality of life. The motion was called to question. The motion was approved by majority vote (8, yes; 2, no; 1, abstain) Kasik stated that she would report the voting and comments to the committee. For more information regarding IBHE FAC, visit the website at <http://www.ibhefac.org>

Education Policies Committee (EPC) (Diers)

There was no report.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Heino)

Heino reported that the committee found all of the academic programs that were reviewed to be in good standing. The APRC gave comments to some of the programs, and the programs will report back to the Associate Provost.

University Assessment Committee (UAC) (Wojcik)

Wojcik reported that the work on the NCA progress report is on schedule. It has been presented to the Deans Council, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and the Administrative Group. It will be presented to the Academic Program and Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees. The report is due to NCA by June 30, 2003. The report shows that all of the hard work in the colleges/programs is fully understood and catalogued in the Provost’s Office.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) (Dimitroff)

Dimitroff stated that Associate Provost Martin presented the NCA progress report to the Executive Committee. Bell and Dimitroff will complete the proposed changes to the bylaws. There will be a Senate election soon. The Third World Conference Task Force is still reviewing issues.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)

Katz reported that “it’s done.” The contract was ratified, 101 to 8. It will go to the Personnel Committee of the Board of Trustees and then to the full Board for approval. Katz thanked everyone for their support. Katz will help to finalize the contract language, which could take a few months. Muhammad moved to extend thanks to the faculty negotiation team for their hard work and efforts. Kasik seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote (all in favor except one).

New Business (Dimitroff)

Faculty Excellence Awards

Muhammad, UCC Chair, stated that she had been under the assumption that the persons who recommend committee members for the Faculty Excellence Committee are not eligible for the award. The committee membership is taken from a pool of people recommended by the Faculty Senate (president), the UCC Chair, and the Union Chapter President. Dimitroff responded that

Muhammad's assumption was incorrect; however, he believes that members of the Faculty Excellence Committee are ineligible.

Catalog

Kasik moved to approve a resolution of appreciation to the people who worked on the catalog and commend them for the excellent product. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Faculty Senate Website

Dalsang Chung informed the Faculty Senate that the Senate website is nearly complete. The Provost's Office website will have a link to the Senate's site.

Adjournment

Kasik moved to adjourn the meeting. Carter seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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