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Governors State University
Faculty Senate Committee Meeting
Minutes, December 11, 2003

Senators (Present = x):

X   E. Alozie     X   H. Heino     X   L. Proudfit
X   C. Brady      X   M. Kasik    X   W. Rudloff
X   D. Chung      X   J. Klomes    X   A. Sanders
X  G. Cook        X   M. Leverence  J. Shen
X   M. Dimitroff  J. Lingamneni  X   N. Shlaes-recorder
X   G. Garrett    X   G. Lyon     X   C. Tymkow
X   M. Graf        Z. Malik      X   B. Wilson
X   B. Hansen-Shaw R. Muhammad   G. Wilson

Guests: Linda Williams (Student Senate), Paul Blobaum (Educational Policies Committee)

Dimitroff called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heino requested that the minutes reflect the following statement. On December 4, 2003 these nine senators called for a special meeting of the Faculty Senate to be held December 11th: Cook, Dimitroff, Hansen-Shaw, Klomes, Leverence, Lyon, Muhammad, Proudfit, and Shlaes. There were no objections from floor.

Muhammad moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2003 meeting. Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all senators.

REPORTS

Administration (Keys)

No report

Educational Policies Committee (Blobaum)

Blobaum reported the committee met October 22, 2003 and elected him chair. The committee is setting the agenda for next year and is conducting inventory of outstanding policies. Dimitroff said the Senate needs to see policies and approve them before the administration puts the policies into place.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (Kasik)

Kasik thanked Rudloff’s for his October 23, 2003 memorandum Thought on IBHE-FAC’s Discussion on Faculty Productivity. She shared it with the Advisory Council which thought it was excellent. Kasik said the full document developed by the council on issues surrounding faculty productivity is available at http://www.ibhe.state.il.us/Board/Agendas/2003/December/Item%2016.pdf and was not well received by the IBHE during a joint meeting on October 7, 2003. A small delegation met with board members and Chairman Kaplan during a
luncheon that same day and Kasik said the board was disappointed with the council’s report and would leave the productivity issue to the individual institutions. A senator questioned why the delegation was all male and perhaps that contributed to the defensive response of the board. Kasik agreed and will relay this to the council which meets again in January. She emphasized that faculty must be very proactive as the faculty are coming under attack. With the recent turnover of two key IBHE staff members, Kasik said communication was important.

University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)
Muhammad reported that UCC was finished for the year. At this point, the committee will only review items previously returned by UCC. Any returned items must be resubmitted no later than January 8, 2004. Muhammad said that if returned items are not in superb form, they may not be in the 2004-05 catalog. Check [http://www.govst.edu/ucc](http://www.govst.edu/ucc) for status of submitted material.

Academic Program Review Committee (Heino)
Heino reported that the APRC will forward the Provost its recommendations from 2001-02 and 2002-03 in response to Provost’s December 2, 2003 as the committee will continue to follow the its regular calendar (February through April of each year). Heino stated that each year the committee reviews 44 programs quantitatively and uses qualitative measures (internal and external) if a program’s numbers are falling. Proudfit moved that the APRC use the report they produced in 2001-02 and 2002-03 and work with the UCC to continue with the processes as stated in the Provost’s memorandum of November 20, 2003. Rudloff seconded. Motion passed by all senators with 1 abstention.

Heino stated that on December 9th, the APRC approved the criteria to be used in 2004 and forwarded it to the Provost. Heino said the only change in the criteria was the number of majors criterion.

University Assessment Committee (Hansen-Shaw)
Hansen Shaw stated that she was not officially representing the committee but spoke to what took place at the last UAC meeting. The committee met with Provost Keys and discussed expanding the focus on quality improvement initiatives, and working towards including the nonacademic units in this as well as the academic units.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)
No report.

Executive Committee (Dimitroff)
Dimitroff reported the committee met on December 4th with Jeff Slovak and Chuck Connelly as advisors on faculty productivity. Connelly said we must address two bodies on this subject: IBHE and the legislature. A senator reminded the committee that when discussing productivity, isolate the input and
output measures. Dimitroff stated productivity should reflect how we impact the community.

OLD BUSINESS
Civility
Faculty discussed and decided not to pursue the topic.

NEW BUSINESS
Charge to APRC
See under Academic Program Review Committee Report.

Faculty Productivity Talking Points
Dimitroff stated that at the December 4th Executive Committee meeting, the group developed a Talking Points document requested by President Fagan for his upcoming December meetings with the IBHE and the Board of Trustees. The Executive Committee will refine the Talking Points document and share with the entire Senate. Heino said outcomes should deal with teaching, research and service and urged the importance of communication with all constituencies.

Special Senate Meeting
Since UCC and APRC will be meeting after the New Year, Lyon moved that the next Senate meeting be moved from the 3rd Thursday to the 4th Thursday (January 22, 2004). Muhammad seconded. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT
Leverence moved to adjourn. Hansen-Shaw seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.