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**Governors State University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes, November 18, 2004**

**Senators (Present = X):**

<u>X</u>	E. Alozie	<u>X</u>	H. Heino	<u>X</u>	W. Rudloff
<u>X</u>	P. Blobaum	<u>X</u>	M. Kasik	<u>X</u>	A. Sanders
<u>  </u>	L. Buyer	<u>X</u>	J. Klomes	<u>X</u>	J. Shen
<u>X</u>	D. Chung	<u>  </u>	J. Lingamneni	<u>  </u>	N. Shlaes
<u>X</u>	G. Cook	<u>X</u>	G. Lyon	<u>X</u>	C. Tymkow
<u>X</u>	D. Diers	<u>  </u>	Z. Malik	<u>X</u>	B. Wilson
<u>  </u>	G. Garrett	<u>  </u>	R. Muhammad	<u>X</u>	J. Zhao
<u>X</u>	B. Hansen-Shaw	<u>X</u>	L. Proudfit	<u>X</u>	B. Winicki

**Guests:** Stuart Fagan (President), Peggy Woodard (Provost), Colleen Rock Cawthon (Provost), Lisa Hendrickson (Center for Quality/Public Affairs), Marsha Katz (UPI), Deborah Holdstein (faculty), Chuck Connolly (Public Affairs), Clare Tang (CAS)

Lyon called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**Approval of minutes**

Cook noted that the October 21 minutes state “Vice President Gary Lyon called the meeting to order.” The minutes should state “President Gary Lyon. . .” The minutes were corrected. Klomes moved to approve the corrected minutes of the October 21 meeting. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Reports****University President**

President Fagan thanked the Senate for the opportunity to speak. He stated that the student newspaper, the Phoenix, printed the remarks he made at the IBHE meeting and encouraged the faculty to read the article. He outlined the internal and external budget processes. Last year, the IBHE wanted a 2% increase for higher education. However, the Governor and the OMB wanted to reduce higher education funding. The university presidents formed a group and, with strong support from the UPI and various legislators, were able to get a flat budget for higher education. The GSU administration has also worked with Senators Jones and Halvorson to get an additional \$100,000 added to the base for specific projects. The presidents will need to do the same thing this year. State-level budget priorities are: 1) education—K-12; 2) health care; and 3) criminal justice and security.

This year, IBHE chose not to have “big picture” meetings on campuses. Instead, representatives from the university were invited to present at the IBHE. IBHE

budget priorities are: 1) accessibility/affordability, 2) faculty salaries—try to restore some competitiveness, and 3) deferred maintenance.

The E/F wing renovation funds were reappropriated. However, all capital funds were put on hold until after the veto session. Those capital funds are raised through bonding, and the OMB reached the conclusion that there was not enough money to back bonds. The OMB now controls the Capital Development Board (CDB) and will likely go back and reprioritize those projects that have been appropriated. GSU is ready to go to bid as soon as confirmation is received from the CDB. The faculty and classroom moves that are necessary to begin the renovation will continue as planned.

The President thanked everyone who cooperated and completed the ethics training. As of November 17, GSU had a 96% completion rate.

The Governor's Office has appointed an aide to work on addressing the high cost of textbooks. Two issues that will be explored are rental programs and standardized texts. A Senator commented that it is the publishers who are responsible for the high prices. The Senate made the following comments about the GSU bookstore. 1) The bookstore has a markup of approximately 25%. 2) The bookstore under-orders books, even when the appropriate number of books are requested. Then students have to wait two to three weeks to get the texts. 3) Often, faculty members do not get the edition that was requested. 4) Not having the correct books in stock affects the library as well. The President will ask the Provost to establish a faculty task force to research bookstore issues and make appropriate recommendations.

The process to review the Strategic Plan will begin soon. Members of the committee will be elected or appointed. The President would like to have a draft report from the committee by the end of April 2005. Quality will be a continuing priority, and the President expects the committee will focus on enrollment growth and increasing funding efforts. The committee will be encouraged to have wide participation from the University community.

The President stated that there are three levels of funding: state appropriations; the income fund, from tuition and fees; and fund raising, such as private fund raising, federal earmarks, and grants. GSU will begin to invest in grant writing by establishing a grants office in the near future.

### **New Business**

Lyon informed the Senate that Barbara Winicki volunteered to fill the vacant Senator position for the College of Education. Kasik moved to approve the appointment of Winicki as Senator. Heino seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Provost Report**

There was no report

**University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)**

Muhammad was absent, but submitted a written report, which was distributed to the Senate. Yvette Brown is a new member of UCC. UCC is working on the 2005-2006 catalog. To check the status of submissions go to <http://www.govst.edu/ucc> .

**IBHE Faculty Advisory Council (Kasik)**

Kasik reported that the IBHE FAC is still campaigning for higher education and intends to send a letter to legislators. She read letter. The FAC continues to invite Senators to its meetings. The January 21 IBHE FAC meeting will be held at GSU. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Educational Policies Committee (Blobaum)**

Blobaum distributed copies of the EPC report. Copies of revised Policies 33 and 54 were also distributed. Since the policies were not received in advance of the meeting, there was discussion as to whether to table the policies until the next meeting. A Senator suggested that the Senate vote by e-mail, with responses due within two weeks. Diers moved that the Senate vote via e-mail on whether or not to recommend approval of Policies 33 and 54, and that the vote be completed within two weeks. Rudloff seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Heino)**

Heino distributed copies of the APRC report. The APRC recommended approval of the Reading Teacher Endorsement Certificate, the Supervisory Endorsement in Reading, and the Reading Specialists Certificate. Visit the APRC web site at <http://www.govst.edu/aprc>.

**University Assessment Committee (UAC) (Wojcik)**

There was no report.

**Union (Katz)**

Katz reported that a Labor Management Committee was established and a mediator will offer training to the committee. The training will take place in early December. The committee will work on issues resulting from the new contract and will work on a process to evaluate deans and chairs.

The UPI and the Provost's Office will host their second annual Holiday Party on December 9 in the FOC Lobby.

Northeastern may go on strike, and the union would like faculty support if they do. The Chicago public schools had a rally last week against the Renaissance 20-10 plan to close public schools and open charter schools.

## **Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) (Lyon)**

Lyon distributed the FSEC Report.

### **Old Business**

Kasik moved to ratify the following committee members: G. Cook, EPC; S. Park, EPC; and D. Grivetti, UCC. Proudfit seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Blobaum moved to approve the following members to the University Budget Committee (UBC): T. Gsell, M. Katz, and N. Shlaes. Kasik seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Proudfit moved to approve C. Sexton as a member of the UBC. Kasik seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lyon stated that the length of terms for UPC positions filled by E. Alozie, J. Kaiser, and A. Andrews should be 04-07. Kasik moved to approve the corrected length of terms for each of the UPC positions. Rudloff seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **New Business**

Lyon reported that he and Heino, Faculty Representative to the Academic Program and Policy (APP) Committee of the Board of Trustees (BOT), attended the November APP meeting and requested that the Senate have input into a specific tenure recommendation before the APP makes its recommendation to the Board. Although the APP did not solicit input from the Senate, the Trustees approved the request and asked that the Senate's comments be submitted to the Provost, in writing, before the BOT meeting immediately preceding the December 17 BOT meeting. Heino moved that the Senate go into Executive Session to discuss the issue. Kasik seconded the motion. There was discussion about the process, as well as the individual's qualifications. It was noted that the UPI contract does not apply to administrators. Woodard explained that both the union contract and the BOT Regulations outline a process for awarding tenure to an administrator. A faculty member from the LIBA Division and Woodard assured the Senate that the division was consulted, as is required in the process. Lyon called the motion to question. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Senate moved into Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. The general public was asked to leave.

The Executive Session adjourned at 2:26 p.m.. The open session resumed

### **Adjournment**

Kasik moved to adjourn the meeting. Rudloff seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.