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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes, December 16, 2004**

Senators (Present = X):

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

Guests: Lisa Hendrickson (Center for Quality/Public Affairs)

Lyon called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of November minutes was tabled.

Reports

University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)

January 10, 2005 is the new deadline for resubmitted items for the 2005-2006 catalog. Check status of submissions at <http://www.govst.edu/ucc> .

Educational Policies Committee (Blobaum)

Blobaum distributed copies of the EPC report. Voting on Interim Policy 34 is postponed until January when a related policy, Interim Policy 33, will be considered at the same time. Discussion on amending Policy 54 recommended adding a third bullet point under II.B.: *A positive recommendation by the Academic Program Review Committee*. Muhammad moved the policy be accepted as amended. Buyer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Blobaum reported that Policy 39 (SEI policy) is on the Provost's desk.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Lyon)

See under New Business

Old Business

- **Policy 54** – See Educational Policies Committee Report
- **Ratify appointed members to the University Copyright Committee** - Volunteers for the new Copyright Committee were submitted” Blobaum (UL), Chung (CBPA), Brown (CELCS), Sexton (COE), Muhammad (CAS), and Margolis (CHP). Proudfit moved the Senate ratify their membership. Buyer seconded. Unanimously accepted.

- **Status of CELCS, GSU Grading Policy and Examination Committees-** According 1988-89 Faculty Senate membership list, the Examination Committee was documented to address the Writing and Basic Mathematics Testing Policy. (GSU has since discontinued competency testing in writing and math.) According to Senate minutes of 9/17/98, the CELCS Liaison Committee was originally a task force assigned to assist with redefining the work of CELCS. Finally, the GSU Grading Policy Committee was originally a task force originally appearing on the 1999-2000 Senate membership list. Buyer moved the 3 committees be eliminated. Diers seconded. The vote was 1 no, 11 yes, 0 abstentions. The motion passed. Discussion followed on the use of plus and minus grades at GSU. This topic will be on the agenda of the January executive committee meeting.

New Business

- **Campus-Wide Safety Committee-** Lyon spoke with the President and the Provost on the possibility of forming a Campus-Wide Safety Committee to help providing a safe and secure environment that is conducive to life, work, research and study at GSU
- **Academic Calendar** - Lyon reported that Dora Smith spoke to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee regarding the new Academic Calendar. He said only 14 Thursday and Fridays are in the Fall '05 term since the trimester starts on a Monday. The Senate Recommends that before the Fall Trimester Schedule is printed, the faculty, Deans and space-planning personnel should be alerted to change their class days to Monday if necessary. In addition, the 10 week *Alternative Calendar* is available to faculty. This option is not calendared. However, faculty must be sure contact hours are adhered to.

Adjournment

Buyer moved to adjourn the meeting. Diers seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.