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Lyon called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
The Senate reviewed the minutes of the April meeting. Kasik moved the minutes be accepted. Proudfit seconded. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Reports
Provost (Keys)
No report

University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)
No report

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (Wojcik)
Kasik thanked Wojcik for attending the last FAC meeting and tomorrow’s meeting. Wojcik distributed a report from the May 29th IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee. The meeting focused on higher education funding and the 2005 Illinois General Assembly legislative sessions. Wojcik said senators stressed the importance of hearing from faculty regarding faculty concerns. Katz emphasized the importance of individuals contacting representatives even via web sites.

Kasik announced she is retiring from her representative position and spoke to the commitment required for the next representative to attend every meeting. The new person may have to give up a Thursday, Friday, and Saturday depending on where the meeting is held in the State. The representative must represent the University, not the individual as it is global representation. The Senate thanked Kasik for her 8 years of service.

Educational Policies Committee (Blobaum)
No report.
Academic Program Review Committee (Heino)
This year APRC is in cycle to review the all of Business and Public Administration programs and 3 programs from Occupational Therapy and Health Administration, both undergraduate and graduate. None have serious issues. OT has recently gone through accreditation. Some issues remain on enrollment, so APRC has requested institutional research to add graduation rates to their annual Academic Majors Profile. APRC is concerned about the timeliness of providing data from Institutional Research which holds up APRC’s annual reviews. In addition, he said he has not received SEIs from fall ’04. The Senate could emphasize this issue by agreeing to the memo sent out by APRC (place on executive agenda this issue).

University Assessment Committee (Wojcik)
No report

Bargaining Unit (Katz)
Katz reported that the Labor Management Committee is working on an evaluation for chairs and deans. Hopefully it will be put into the schedule for next year by the end of the summer. Katz also reported that in addition to the union have a Grievance Office, a Grievance Committee will be formed to help with the workload.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Lyon)
Lyon reported the Kasik is working on the Online Course Task Force appointments. Kasik spoke with Diane Casey and Eric Martin who requested they all get together with Gary Fisk to discuss the appointments. Kasik emphasized that whoever is on the committee must have knowledge of how online courses work. The task force will be created by requesting volunteers with runoffs if necessary.

Faculty Elections
Senate election material will be emailed to faculty immediately. Those on a 10 month contract will have the material mailed directly to their home addresses. Shlaes will meet with Rock tomorrow to finalize election material.

OLD BUSINESS
Creation of Task Force to Investigate Online Course Module Assessment
See Faculty Senate Executive Committee report above.

Tenure-track & Tenured Faculty Voting on Divisions/Colleges Curricular Issues
The Executive Committee recommended the Senate adopt a resolution that tenured/tenure-track faculty shall have the sole authority to develop and implement academic policies and by-laws at the program, division, department, and college levels. Heino moved to send the resolution to deans and department
chairs, Kasik 2nd. Discussion centered on applying this resolution consistently throughout the colleges. The motion was passed unanimously. Proudfit moved a copy of the resolution approved be sent to the Provost, Deans, Department chairs, program coordinators and copied to the faculty. Kasik seconded. The motion was passed with one abstention. Kosmoski said that GSU is following a national trend in hiring more lecturers.

**Privacy (Rashidah) See Ex Notes Grievance**
Discussion on student privacy: if a student emails an instructor and copies others, can the instructor include the copied persons when responding to the student? It was advised to act with discretion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Volunteers for SEI Task Force**
Discussion centered on emailing for volunteers to serve of the SEI Task Force. Rudloff has a copy of a memo from the last time such a task force was created. He will share it with the Senate. Estep is interested in being a member. The task force will be made up of tenure/tenure-tracked faculty.

**Strategic Plan**
Buyer presented the [GSU Strategic Priorities FY2006-2009](#).

**Adjournment**
Heikki moved to adjourn the meeting. Katz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.