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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes, September 15, 2005**

Senators (Present = X):

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

Guests: Paul Keys (Provost), Colleen Rock Cawthon (Assistant to Provost), Marsha Katz (UPI), Sara Appel (Student Life)

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

Election of Officers (Lyon and Kasik)

Lyon requested nominations for president. Muhammad nominated Gary Lyon for president. Klomes seconded the nomination. Lyon accepted the nomination and requested that Vice President Kasik preside over the election for president. There being no further nominations, Kasik moved to close nominations. Klomes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Blobaum moved that a voice vote be taken for the nomination, rather than using paper ballots. Muhammad seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The nomination for Lyon was approved by majority voice vote (1 abstention).

Lyon thanked the Senate and resumed presiding over the meeting. Lyon requested nominations for vice president. Lyon nominated Maribeth Kasik for vice president. Sanders seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Klomes moved to close the nominations. Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Blobaum moved that a voice vote be taken for the nomination, rather than using paper ballots. Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The nomination for Kasik was approved by unanimous voice note.

Lyon requested nominations for secretary. Kasik nominated Barbara Winicki. Winicki declined the nomination. Kasik nominated David Diers for secretary. Sanders seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Kasik moved to close the nominations. Klomes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Blobaum moved that a voice vote be taken for the nomination, rather than using paper ballots. Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The nomination for Diers was approved by unanimous voice note.

A Senator requested that each officer present his/her vision. Lyon stated that the Senate was fairly effective last year, and he would like that to continue. He would like to continue the Senate's positive relationship with the administration and the other GSU Senates. The Senate

can serve as a conduit between faculty and administration. Lyon also stated that Paul Blobaum, EPC Chair, and his committee did an outstanding job moving forward policies and policy revisions, and he would like that to continue.

Kasik stated that she brings 20 years of service at GSU. She has served as faculty, UPI Chapter President, and administration. The entire University community needs to work together. The Senate is an important, integral part of the University. The Senate should have a united voice and should ensure that academic freedom is not violated. The academy must stay in tact.

Diers committed to do the best he can in fulfilling the duties of the position of secretary.

A Senator asked that Lyon inform him of the steps for adopting any University policy. There was a lengthy discussion. Heino moved that for the next Faculty Senate meeting, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee prepare a summary of how policies are developed and approved. Wilson seconded the motion. Muhammad suggested a friendly amendment, that in addition to the work of the Executive Committee, the Senators individually review the Faculty Senate Bylaws, the Governance Constitution, and other relevant documents regarding the functions of the Senate and the processes for approving policies before the next Senate meeting; the Senators should not rely on anyone else for their knowledge base and should do the research themselves. Heino accepted the amendment. The motion as amended was approved by majority voice vote (1 abstention). It was suggested that an email be sent to the Senators requesting that they review the documents before the next meeting.

Lyon requested nominations for Parliamentarian. Muhammad nominated Heikki Heino. Klomes seconded the nomination. Lyon nominated Maribeth Kasik. Muhammad seconded the nomination. Heino declined the nomination. There being no further nominations, Blobaum moved to close the nominations and moved that a voice vote be taken, rather than using paper ballots. Klomes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The nomination for Kasik was approved by unanimous voice note.

Lyon requested that the faculty members caucus, by college and UL/CELCS/SAS, to select representatives to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC). The meeting resumed, and the representatives from each college/unit are: Heikki Heino, BPA; Adelle Sanders, CHP; Rashidah Muhammad, CAS; Jeannine Klomes, COE (to be replaced by Linda Proudfit after she completes her sabbatical, if she agrees); and Beth Hansen Shaw, UL/CELCS/SAS. Lyon thanked those who served on the Executive Committee and standing committees last year and looks forward to working with the new, and returning, faculty members.

Lyon stated that there are some vacancies on the Senate roster. The FSEC discussed recommendations for appointments to the vacant college positions. Heino had spoken with John Simon, who agreed to serve. Heino nominated Simon to fill the Senate vacancy for BPA. Kasik seconded the nomination. Zhao moved to close the nominations for the vacant BPA position. Kasik seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The nomination was approved by unanimous voice vote. Sanders spoke with Elizabeth Essex, who agreed to serve. Sanders nominated Essex to fill the Senate vacancy for CHP. Diers seconded the nomination. Muhammad moved to close the nominations for the vacant CHP position. Zhao seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The nomination was approved by unanimous voice vote. Blobaum will speak with Yvette Brown regarding the vacant UL/CELCS/SAS position on the EPC. Heino nominated Byron Waller to fill the BPA

vacancy on the APRC. Kasik seconded the nomination. Heino moved to close the nominations for the vacant BPA position on the APRC. Kasik seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The nomination was approved by unanimous voice vote. Blobaum nominated Michele Ngussan to fill the UL/CELCS/SAS vacancy on the APRC. Zhao seconded the nomination. Heino moved to close the nominations for the vacant UL/CELCS/SAS position on the APRC. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The nomination was approved by unanimous voice vote. Lyon nominated Rashidah Muhammad to fill the CAS vacancy on the APERC and Maribeth Kasik to fill the COE vacancy on the APERC. Heino seconded the nominations. Heino nominated Jun Zhao to fill the BPA vacancy on the APERC. Lyon seconded the nomination. Lyon moved to close the nominations for the vacant positions on the APERC. Klomes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The three nominations were approved by unanimous voice vote. Lyon will send another set of nomination forms for all of the vacant at-large positions. The FSEC will try to find someone to serve as the BPA representative to the IRB.

Approval of minutes

Kasik moved to approve the minutes of the June 16 meeting. Blobaum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority voice vote (1 abstention).

Reports

Provost Report (Keys)

The Provost stated that he had started a work group to discuss the possibility of developing a Homeland Security certificate. There will be a second Homeland Security work group, regarding research and development. He reported that an Interim Dean of Co-Curricular Activities and Services (Student Affairs), Sherilyn Poole, was hired. She will begin October 10. There will be a national search for the permanent dean. Keys stated that the administration is moving ahead with the colleges regarding the programs that will be supported by the supplemental funding that GSU received.

Student Life (Appel)

Appel, Director of Student Involvement, distributed a one-page handout describing the activities for the proposed GSU Family Weekend. The Senate offered opinions and suggestions, including: have activities for children; time management and planning are very important; might begin with just a Saturday to see how well it works, then expand it; it would help get the feeling of community going; it is great to try something new.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Council (Kasik)

Kasik reported that the IBHE FAC is pleased that there are three new members to the IBHE Board, including Addison Woodward, GSU Professor Emeritus. Becky Wojcik is the new IBHE FAC Representative and will begin in October. At the last IBHE meeting, the IBHE FAC, once again, cautioned that a flat budget will cause irreparable harm to higher education.

University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)

Muhammad was reelected chair of the UCC. She will send a reminder about the catalog deadline for submissions (October 28). To check the status of submissions go to <http://www.govst.edu/ucc>.

Educational Policies Committee (Blobaum)

Blobaum distributed copies of the EPC report. He will no longer be on the EPC. The committee will choose a chair at its first meeting.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Heino)

Heino reported that the committee will have its first meeting the week of September 19. APRC could not do an annual review of academic programs because Institutional Research did not have the profiles of academic majors data for 2003 completed. This lack of data is a very serious situation.

University Assessment Committee (UAC) (Wojcik)

There was no report.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)

Katz reported that the union will host a “welcome back” reception on September 21, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the FOC lobby. The union is concerned about the top-down approach of the administration. It seems that they are initiating new academic programs that the faculty do not want, and it is creating hostility. Katz was recently invited to a meeting because a chair asked faculty to write a program they do not want. Another example was that faculty was mandated to write a math program; it was written under duress. It was approved, but never funded. Lyon stated that it was his understanding that funding for the second Math position was identified. Katz stated that if a dean or chair assigns writing a new program, they must assign CUEs. The question of whether any new programs should be written when existing programs are underfunded was raised. Some programs have grown, but the resources have not. Katz thinks the UPI should work with the Senate. A Senator noted that the Senate and union have different functions—the Senate looks at processes (were they followed correctly) and the union looks at working conditions. Katz stated that the union will grieve any complaint based on the new civility policy. The policy was not negotiated. Katz feels that the administration is taking academic freedom away—one dean imposed a software program on all faculty in the professional education unit.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) (Lyon)

The issues were covered in other agenda items.

New Business

Teaching reassignment

A Senator informed the Senate that he felt his AOD was changed without appropriate consultation, and he asked the Senate’s support. Following a discussion, Heino moved that the Senate pass a resolution stating that the Faculty Senate is greatly concerned about the rationale for changing a professor’s approved AOD without due process or appropriate consultation. Kasik seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Heino moved that the resolution be taken from the minutes and sent to the administration and faculty for their information. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Heino moved to adjourn the meeting. Kasik seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.