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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes, May 18, 2006**

Senators (Present = X):

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

Guests: Paul Keys, Lisa Hendrickson, Gail Bradshaw, Lill Jung

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

Approval of minutes

Muhammad moved to approve the minutes from the 4/20/06 meeting. Winicki seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Provost Report

Gail Bradshaw reported on extending benefits to all GSU employees for same sex domestic partners. It is administered by the state and GSU elected to participate. Not all coverage is available. Domestic partners cannot be related. All of the information is on the HR website including forms for enrollment and termination. The information is also on the CMS benefit website. Open enrollment ends May 31 at 5pm just like any other benefit enrollment plan. Participants in this plan will need to verify the continuation of the coverage each year. Also, she wanted to remind everyone that any changes to benefit plans need to be turned in to HR by May 31.

Keys discussed a typical presidential transition. He had this occur three times while he was at another university. The key is that no initiatives should be dropped and all current plans should continue until new president is hired. Do not let the initiatives languish. Dr. Fagan has said this to him. This is the plan here, if needed, for the transition.

A Senator asked that if there needs to be an interim President, would it come from within GSU. Dr. Keys replied that there should not need to be an interim president as Dr. Fagan will remain here until June 2007.

Reports

IBHE Faculty Advisory Council (Wojcik)

There was a written report with no discussion.

University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)

UCC did not meet last week could not get enough participation. They may need to go to an electronic vote for the summer.

Educational Policies Committee (Tymkow)

There was a great deal of discussion on many policies but are ready to send to the faculty senate executive committee. Policy 35 was sent to faculty senate but the revisions were not approved and it was returned to the committee. The faculty senate wants the policy to read “a majority of the full time unit A faculty members, not just a majority of the Faculty who cast a vote.” Diers made this motion and Heino 2nd the motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Heino)

Cyclical reviews are not on track. There were a few programs who had the review postponed until next year. This is the first time this has happened without good justification. Of the programs which are up for review only BOG submitted everything. This program will probably be recommended for approval in May and will be sent to the faculty senate executive committee. There are 6 certificate programs to be reviewed. They must be reviewed 3 yrs after they begin, none have submitted the required materials.

Why provost not ask program to send info to com. Com responsible to ask prog fro info review 47 program in annual MA psych will have 2 seq. clin psych and theoretical.

Review of MA fine arts for renewi, probably only a few concerns, 2 searches for additional program dig im and inde film

University Assessment Committee (UAC) (Wojcik)

Written report. There was no discussion.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)

There was no report.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) (Lyon)

The FSEC did not have a quorum of members but there was some discussion. Dr. Keys discussed his office’s plans for the presidential transition. The committee to develop the SEI questions per

the new policy needs members. Lyon will send an e-mail asking for volunteers for this committee. Sandi Estep has volunteered to Chair the committee.

A Senator suggested that the committee needs to use a consultant to be sure the questions are valid.

T. Kelly volunteered to serve on the committee

A Senator questioned if Unit B faculty should be involved. Another Senator replied that if they are evaluated be it, they should have representation on the committee.

Another senator asked should the committee only involve tenure-track faculty.

Old Business

A faculty member asked about having not getting 2 full months off. Another senator replied that if a faculty member does not get two full months off, they are entitled to vacation days or monetary compensation. This should be discussed with the program director.

Another Senator brought up a topic regarding the academic calendar. There should be an equal number of days of the week represented in the 15 week trimester. An example would be in the Fall trimester the Thanksgiving holiday decreases the number of days for a course which meets on Thursday.

The beginning of the next academic year is on a Tuesday, the day after Labor Day.

New Business

A Senator requested that faculty should have representation on the committees which create the websites for the university. For example, all of the college or program websites should have links about the faculty. Many students chose a university based on the qualifications of the faculty. This is not done for all of the websites. Some colleges such as CHP and CPBA are currently doing this. The senate agrees with this idea and Lyon will add this to the discussion at the next coordinating council meeting.

The senate agreed on a 10 minute limit on presentations by a guest to the senate.

Adjournment

Muhammad motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tymkow 2nd the motion. There was a unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 2:45.