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Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes, February 15, 2007

Senators (Present = X):

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

Guests: Marcus Ahmed, Chris Easley, Lisa Hendrickson, Marsha Katz

Lyon called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. There was a quorum. New name cards were tried out.

1. Provost's Report

Provost out of town; Chris Easley gave the report. Called for volunteers for a Tactical Team for RNUI Development. Explained that with pre-doctoral programs, often information is missing as these programs are developed, and some programs are especially weak in the use of data analysis to guide program formation. Easley wants to set forth guidelines and develop a template. She is seeking the support from Senate, as well as UCC and APRC, in designing the template and forming the tactical team: this will be a 3-year commitment. In IRB, work is being done to get us into compliance, especially with Policy 53, for training programs. Social Work accreditation went well. Easley is proposing a Graduate Education Programs Symposium and wants us to email her if we want to make changes. She is also proposing a retreat to get committees together to be informed about all the changes that are coming down the road to us from the Higher Learning Commission. She asked for feedback and is trying to get these two projects launched in the very near future.

Heino raised the question that since the number of unit A faculty has dropped from approximately 179 to 134 since 2000, would not the same people be on all these committees. Further, templates have traditionally been developed by the Provost's office, not the faculty. Heino recommended that the Senate Executive Committee be included on the Retreat. Discussion ensued concerning faculty who are on the committees—all the time—who are over burdened, and especially with NCATE coming for the PEU, may not be able to take on "one more" committee. There was also a concern raised that there already is an

assessment committee, and the PEU has a unit system of assessment. The Senate hopes this new initiative will not duplicate what we already have in place.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from December 21, 2006, and January 12, 2007, were approved with minor changes to members' names and typographical errors.

3. Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)

J. T. Wong confirmed for UCC, CPBA

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Winicki)

Certificates for Secondary English Teacher Education, Biology Teacher Education, and Chemistry teacher Education were approved. Undergraduate Psychology was reviewed. Jean Johnson talked with APRC, and subsequently changes were approved in annual listing, with concerns stated about the hurriedness and lack of monitoring in expansion to off-site campuses.

Educational Policies Committee (Tymkow)

Policies 7, 33, and 34 were approved. Proposed effective date fall 2007. Lisa Hendrickson is checking for these changes at the university level in catalogue copy and letting individual programs know. Automated degree audit will be coming. The proposal is before cabinet now.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)

Contract is being proofread. It is not yet signed. It is available on the web. Equity is finished on the team's part and they now need to meet with administration to get the approval process started. There are 3 variables: time at GSU, years from terminal degree, and rank. With regression analysis, hopefully within three years everybody will be brought up to the correct CUPA level.

Ethics training: the issue of "non-compliance"—some people finished the training too fast, so they are getting a letter from the state and the state is revoking GSU's certification because of the "non-compliance." The union is recommending that these people send a protest letter; the union will be obligated to defend them.

Executive Committee (Lyon)

Appointment to talk to Veronica Hunt; elections to be held in April; ballots will be distributed in March.

University Assessment Committee (Wojcik)

not present

New Business

- Students who fail to meet course or program pre-requisites
- Anthony Andrews' request for a white paper will not be pursued at this time. Some of his concerns may be addressed by the symposium and/or retreat.
- Electronic voting—to be discussed at next Executive Committee meeting.

Old Business

none discussed

Adjournment

The meeting was dismissed at 3:05 P. M.

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