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Minutes June 22, 2007

Senators (Present = X):

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

Guests: Gebeyehu “Gebe” Ejigu, Gail Bradshaw, Rosemary Hulett, Lisa Hendrickson, Becky Wojcik, Catalina Ramos-Hernandez

We began at 1:00 p.m. There was not a quorum at that time. Kasik called the meeting to order and we began with our guests.

1. Interim Provost’s Report
no report

2. New Business
   •  Gail Bradshaw—New President’s installation will be Saturday, November 3, 2007, at 11:00. It will be a regal, academic ceremony. The invitation list will be extensive and inclusive, including national leaders, presidents of universities, deans, professional organizations. They anticipate sending out over 10,000 invitations and are asking that we give our deans a list of professional organizations we want represented. On November 2, there will be a VIP reception; on November 3, there will be a brunch for stage guests and an ice-cream social after the installation. On November 4, there will be a private dinner. President Maimon is interested in diversity, so Bradshaw encouraged the faculty to begin thinking about additional programs that we might want to offer, such as symposium on a special topic, a poster show of our programs in an Open House, Art and the arts, etc: email her with any ideas.
   •  Rosemary Hulett
     o  Consider the creation of an alma mater and mascot for the first time to concur with the inauguration. A mascot does not always have to be sports-related, nor does it have to be an animal. Also consider how to go about creating an alma mater: a competition, hire someone, have a contest, use a public domain song from library of
congress or a hymn? Consider who would be on the committee, equal representation, guidelines for submission?

- Homecoming is Saturday, July 28, 2007. It will be a 2-day event, with “Jazz in the Park for Charity” with Ramsey Lewis as the headliner on Sunday the 29th. There will be 5 college receptions held simultaneously with a homecoming party following. There will be an alumni walk/run, breakfast at the golf course, tour of the sculpture park. Last year’s homecoming attracted 1,100 alumni. Volunteers are needed.

- Catalina Ramos-Hernandez—Intercultural Event inventory is to be administered online at the university. The goal is to find out the things we do to increase diversity and to learn what else we can be doing to enrich inclusive techniques in classrooms and enhance skills for multicultural environments. The first Latino banquet will be in August or September. She needs to spend grant money before September 30. Senate thanked her for her recent pictures and requested that she send a link or put them on WebCT in the future.

A quorum was present at 1:54 and Kasik officially called the meeting to order.

3. Approval of Minutes
Minutes were approved as written.

4. Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff’s Report (“Gebe”)
Our new Executive Vice President introduced himself to Senate and explained that he now handles all non-academic affairs. He has been with President Maimon for 12 years. She believes in shared governance and will come to Senate when possible. He will come as often as he is able and report on issues of importance. (Note: add both of their names to future agendas). Today’s topic is the installation of President Maimon.

- The purpose for the installation of the new president:
  - marks the transition of leadership and vesting of power
  - allows the community to reflect on the past and envision the future

- President Maimon wants to engage in a series of conversations with various GSU communities, and she will listen to our ideas as she crafts a message that will signal the next level of development for this institution, a message that reflects the aspirations of all communities—especially the faculty, whom she believes should drive the university community forward.

- The installation should be a major event. One value is the cultivation of friends and supporters on the outside, such as chambers of commerce, political and financial friends, and local school districts.

5. Committee Reports
University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)
no report
Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Winicki)
APRC reviewed DNP, DrOT, and Counselor Education and Supervision Ph.D. and provided additional feedback to authors. The RNUIs were forwarded to Board of Trustees without APRC “sign-off.” Cyclical program review process was begun in April on BSW and BS and MS in Computer Science. Additional work will continue in July, as information becomes available from Institutional Research.

Educational Policies Committee (Tymkow)
Policies 14, 19, and 26 are the new policies being reviewed. The process needs to be more efficient, and the committee is looking at possibly pairing faculty with policies. They were also thinking about asking Senate to allow a simple name change (since UCC has already approved it) without having to review the entire policy.
Motion: For policies in which there is only a name change, consistent with university policy, that the name change be approved without reviewing the entire policy. Discussion. Vote: 10 in favor with 1 abstention. Motion carried.

UAC/(Wojcik)
Committee has not met, although they have asked to meet with Woodard repeatedly.

IBHE (Wojcik)
Wojcik submitted a written report for May and June. FAC met in May and addressed the student debt problem. The June meeting will address student mental health issues.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)
no report

Executive Committee (Kasik)

6. New Business (encore)
   o Suggested reform of GSU search process—concern about how long searches are taking, the poor treatment of candidates, the lack of professionalism, the lack of response once a candidate is recommended by the committee. A senator suggested looking at 1995 Search Handbook to review those policies for possible talking points.

7. Old Business
   o Survey of faculty concerns—one problem is that you can’t go back to review previous answers. Also, send email reminding the faculty that the survey is online until mid-July.
o SEI survey question revisions are due tomorrow. CHP has not gotten theirs yet; they don’t have “chairs.” Please ask Estep for an extension.

o Heikki Heino volunteered to represent Senate on the Provost Search Committee. He was “elected” by acclamation.

o Rudloff asked to promote GSU faculty websites by linking them to the GSU website. He has, in the past, requested that this change be done, but so far nothing has happened. Faculty website information should also be listed on the directory and on the college webpage.

o Speaking of which, the Faculty Senate webpage needs to be updated.

Next Senate Meeting is July 19, 2007

Adjournment
The meeting was dismissed at 3:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
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