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Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes August 16, 2007

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Guests: President Elaine Maimon, Gebeyehu "Gebe" Ejigu, Joe Addison, Diane Dates Casey, Phil Boudreau, Marsha Katz, Eric Wignall

We began at 1:04 p.m. There was not a quorum at that time.

1. Eric Wignall, Guest

Wignall gave a presentation about the changes affecting online courses, registration procedures, and the Blackboard learning system. On the 20th there will be a server upgrade which will now support video and Java upgrades. Training sessions and a universal login system will start at the beginning of the fall term.

A quorum was present at 1:26.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for June and July with the correction to July 19 minutes to remove the information on EPC.

3. Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff's Report ("Gebe")

A new telephone directory in hard copy will soon be available. Colorful banners representing all programs and all aspects of the GSU community will be hung. The outdated monitors will be removed and replaced with more modern ones. Electronic announcements of daily events, faculty activity and presentations at national associations and other sources of information will be available. It will be a single source of information concerning faculty, administration, and staff. There will be re-carpeting in selected areas, especially embarrassing areas, but maybe not E and F wings. Special attention will be given to correcting unsafe conditions. Course schedules are hard to read; they will be put on the web. Staff is working on what might appear to be small things, but they will add up over time; they might be seemingly unconnected, but they are really part of a

systematic improvement plan. Student services on Monday through Thursday will be staffed until 8:00 P.M. For the position of Director of Public Safety, the search committee looked at 3 candidates. The current Director is leaving at the end of this month. They are considering interim leadership and working with the safety committee. The search for VP for advancement is in full swing.

4. Interim Provost's Report, Peggy Woodard

In the search for the Office of Sponsored Research, two top candidates have been considered, and the second candidate has been chosen. This person may not start right away due to other commitments. Graduate Council is asking for 2-3 people to be appointed from Senate. There were no applications for the Asst. Provost position by the cutoff date (one came in late). It will be reposted by HR after fall term starts. The Deans will also have staff available until 8:00 at the advisor level to assist students.

5. President's Report, Elaine Maimon

Senate welcomed President Maimon on her first visit. She shared her perspective that shared governance is important. Transparency and "communication is the essence of what we do." Strategic planning (mission and vision) means strategic investment. Universities do good things, so strategic planning means making choices and doing things well. We will start with a retreat with the trustees, Sunday through Tuesday, to get them on board; then go on to the faculty, staff, and so forth: Planning, Budget, Finance, Community. GSU is a student-centered institution. That means we need to arrange the working day to be here when the students are here, which mainly is 4:30 to 7:30. We need to make the transfer from community college seamless. Statistically, of the students who start at community college, only 10-15% complete their baccalaureate degree. We need to improve that percentage. Legislative report: we are staying focused in the midst of chaos. We asked for \$1.8 million supplement. E&F wings money was appropriated in the 90s; it was re-appropriated in 2003, but it did not go to contract in 2004. Then the governor froze the budget. Where did the money that was appropriated go??? The 14.5 million that was appropriated to GSU now is \$21.5 million due to inflation. WE MUST HAVE IT. PRESIDENT MAIMON IS OBSESSED WITH IT. The installation will start with a procession with schools such as William & Mary and Harvard; then mayors, etc. The emphasis will be on marching and pageantry. Faculty will be in regalia. President Maimon will launch the "GSU Promise," which will include a program for achieving a baccalaureate without incurring debt.

6. Committee Reports

Bargaining Unit (Katz)

There will be a welcome back party on September 20, 2007. The Unit will have a table at Welcome Week. Equity is being worked on. They just got current data

on faculty who are here; there will be retroactivity. There will be a portfolio workshop and membership meeting for local 4100. They are designing a "helping safety survey." Some of our issues and concerns are not being heard. The AFT has a specialist who looks into environmental issues, and he was horrified by the conditions of E and F wings. The labor and management committee will reconvene and look at issues such as adjuncts teaching upper level courses.

University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)

UCC has not met. The new catalogue is out. Any changes for the next catalogue need to be in by the last week of October.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Winicki)

APRC has completed their review of most of the 47 degree programs during this cycle, and, as of August 15, ~~and~~ has made their recommendations to the Senate and Provost. ↑

Educational Policies Committee (Tymkow)

No report

UAC/(Wojcik)

No report

IBHE (Wojcik)

No report

Executive Committee (Lyon)

7. Old Business

Lyon presented "A Report on the Results of the 'Survey of Faculty Concerns' Conducted by the Governors State University Faculty Senate" and "Reform of the Search Process at Governors State University Compiled from Suggestions Submitted by the University Faculty." Both were approved for distribution to the faculty. ↑

8. New Business

- Certificates of Appreciation will be give to Luke Helm (for the work he did in assisting the Senate with the survey using Survey Monkey), Veronica Hunt (for the work she does in assisting Senate with elections), Colleen Rock-Cawthon (from the Provost's office), and Lisa Hendrickson (who helps many Senate committees in immeasurable ways). Discussion ensued as to whether Senate could have a "petty cash" budget for such small "gifts" and ceremonial gestures.
- Illinois Writing Project was here last week. It has reformed pre-school to graduate education using a peer review process for writing.

- Election of officers to be held at the September meeting
- A senator noted problems with the Singularity system. The on-screen print is very tiny, and we have no authority to print documents.
- Convocation is September 11 at 2:30, with ice cream at 1:30. It is the official opening of the new school year.

Next Senate Meeting is October 18, 2007

Adjournment

The meeting was dismissed at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
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