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Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes September 20, 2007

Senators (Present = X):

X E. Alozie
X T. Kelly
X P. Blobaum
X J. Klomes
X W. Rudloff
X M. Clark
X A. Sanders
X E. Essex
X G. Lyon
X P. Guimond
X R. Muhammad
X C. Tymkow
X H. Heino
X B. Parin
X B. Wilson
X M. Kasik
X L. Proudfit
X B. Winicki
X J. Zhao


1. Call to Order at 1:00. Certificates of appreciation for service to Senate Committees were presented to Luke Helm, Veronica Hunt, and Lisa Hendrickson.

2. Election of President.

President Gary Lyon called for nominations for President of the Faculty Senate. Maribeth Kasik was nominated and seconded. Kasik accepted the nomination. Paul Blobaum was nominated and seconded. Blobaum accepted the nomination. Candidates were asked to present a campaign speech of why they should be elected. Written ballots were cast and counted by two non-senators, one UPI representative and one administrative support staff representative; Kasik was elected.

When Kasik asked for nominations for Vice President, it was determined that 19 ballots were cast but only 18 senators were eligible to vote on the ballot for President. This ballot was, therefore, declared void. A roll call confirming eligible senators was conducted.

Lyon called for nominations for President. Kasik was nominated and seconded. Blobaum was nominated and seconded. Written ballots were cast, and Blobaum was elected.

The meeting was turned over to Blobaum, and nominations for Vice President were conducted. Barbara Winicki was nominated and seconded. Lyon was nominated and seconded. Written ballots were cast, and Winicki was elected.
Elections were suspended for an announcement by Senator Wilson that he was resigning his seat from CAS, with his recommendation that Mietlicki be considered as a representative from CAS. The Senate acted on this recommendation, and Mietlicki was approved as the new senator from CAS.

Blobaum called for nominations for Secretary. Mietlicki was nominated and seconded, and there were no additional candidates. Mietlicki was elected.

3. **Other Senate Positions.**
   - Vacancies. CBPA. John Simon and David Green were nominated, seconded, and voted into these positions. CHP has 2 vacancies and University Library/University College has one.

4. **Appointment of Executive Committee**
   (President, Vice President, Secretary, 1 Representative from each College, 3 chairs of standing committees: EPC, UCC, and APRC) CHP-A. Sanders; COE-J. Klomes; CAS-P. Guimond; UL-P. Blobaum; CBHP-J. Simon.

5. **Bargaining Unit (Katz)**
   Welcome back party will be held at 3:00 today. There will be a portfolio workshop next Thursday at 3:00 in Engbretson Hall (Sept. 27, 2007).

6. **President’s Report, Dr. Maimon**
   President Maimon thanked the faculty for participation in convocation. There will be a display of faculty/student work at the installation similar to a poster show. A Budget and Planning group has now been formed to plan how to invest resources. We now have a “Why Not?” campaign with already 80 responses. Everyone will get a prize of some sort for making a good suggestion. The President will have a series of three chats to discuss things that need to be worked on. Last night 25 people came to the first chat. The state’s capital budget for E&F wing renovation is in the operating budget for $14.5 million and is a special prerogative of Senator Halverson. It was passed by the House. The governor still has to release the money, so the plan is to have a major letter writing campaign.

9. **Interim Provost’s Report, Dr. Woodard**
   Graduate Council needs to be called together.

10. **Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff’s Report, Dr. Ejigu**
    He is launching a campaign to foster a nurturing environment at GSU. The banners are part of the campaign. TV sets with plasma screens will be coming soon. The “GSU View” will list President Maimon’s meetings with students, faculty groups, and civil service employees to build a sense of community. Many new projects will be started. The Swimming pool will be closed because of a
problem of mixing electricity with water. (Yikes!) Textbook advances will be available for students who are on financial aid. PBAC provides advice to the President on fundamental decisions, community accountability, etc. There are 21 members on the parent committee which is made up of deans, administrators, and faculty; they serve for staggered terms. Then there are sub-committees, of which strategic planning is the more active right now.

11. Approval of Minutes.
Minutes from August 16 were approved.

12. New Business
- Rosemary Hewitt wants volunteers to be marshals for installation. A motion was made and passed.
- Survey results. President Maimon read the report and thought it was well done. Some of the concerns will be addressed.

13. Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee (Parin)
October 26, 2007, is the deadline for catalogue changes. The forms are available online. See the written report for further details.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Winicki)
Committee has not met since August but did send its annual report to the faculty. There is a vacancy in the CBPA position.

Educational Policies Committee (Tymkow)
Policies 5, 7, 26, 33, 34 were reviewed and passed; Policies 2, 14, 16, 19, 26 were reviewed and require further revision or are being held for review by other committees. A process schedule change was put forward for a more efficient system. See the written report for further details.

UAC/(Wojcik)
No report

IBHE (Wojcik)
No report

Executive Committee (Lyon)
No time for report

14. Diane Dates-Casey, Guest
A pilot project of online SEIs for distance courses is being launched. Sandi Estep, Chair of Senate Faculty SEI Committee, is aware of this project. Dean Stoll is paying for the Vendor of the product that this project is using. Senate
reminded Casey to have her committee work closely with the Faculty Senate SEI Committee.

**Next Senate Meeting is October 18, 2007**

**Adjournment 3:10**

Respectfully submitted
Connie Mietlicki, Ph.D.