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Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes December 20, 2007

Senators (Present = X):

X E. Alozie            X T. Kelly            ___ L. Proudfit
X P. Blobaum          ___ T. Kim            X W. Rudloff
X M. Clark            ___ J. Klomes          ___ A. Sanders
X E. Essex            X N. Lu              X J. Simon
X P. Guimond         ___ G. Lyon           X C. Tymkow
___ D. Green          X C. Mietlicki        X E. Wignall
X H. Heino            ___ R. Muhammad       X B. Winicki
___ M. Kasik          ___ B. Parin           ___ J. Zhao

Guests: Lisa Hendrickson, Colleen Rock, Becky Wojcik, Adam Zagelbaum

Call to Order at 1:05 p.m. There was a quorum.

1. Approval of Minutes
November minutes approved, with number 6 amended to read the “alleged bomb” was “set to explode.” September minutes were approved as written.

2. Committee Reports
IBHE (Wojcik)
Forecast for budgeting; developing school leaders. See handout.

UAC/(Wojcik)
Meeting with Asst. Provost Mayfield to be held in January.

UCC (Parin)
Changes need to be resubmitted by January 14th or they won’t make the catalogue. See handout for important information.

APRC (APRC) (Sanders)
No report

3. New Business
   a. University Safety Committee Update (Lyon)
      1) Committee recommends permanent environmental safety officer. Talked to “Gebe” who said GSU can’t afford it. Committee feels that it should be a priority and that policies are implemented and followed.
      2) The policy manual has been printed but now needs to be distributed.
      3) The committee has developed an emergency management plan but nobody is paying attention to it.
4) The committee feels there needs to be a search for a permanent police chief. The search was stopped after 2 weeks and Gail Bradshaw was named interim. The search committee reconvened and Gebe I.D.'d 3 candidates and the committee is supposed to interview these 3. Three full time police officers can’t cover the entire campus.
5) The committee feels there needs to be a hazardous materials policy. This has been required by law since 1992.
6) Safety committee report after “raccoon” incident—none of the recommendations have been implemented.
Discussion: the committee only has a recommending body status. Therefore implementation doesn’t happen. Illinois OSHA has an enforcing body. Can we send a representative to the administration with an urgent request the attention/action be taken; add all the committee members’ names. Add memo from both Faculty Senate and Safety Committee. Motion to send report and ask for response by next meeting; seconded and passed.

b. Graduate Programs Council
Dr. Mayfield requested additional members. Senate requested she come and explain its place in University Governance; need for a specific committee. Also a request was made that Graduate Studies Committee become a committee under Faculty Senate governance as a standing committee and for President Maimon, Dr. Mayfield and Dr. Woodard to come to next Senate to hear this request and refer to pages in HLC accreditation guidelines.

4. Educational Policies Committee (Zagelbaum)
There is an opening for Dr. Malik’s seat. S. Durmer was appointed at large but resigned because of interim chair position.
   a. Grading Policy. Motion to approve. Carried. Discussion. Two typos. Corrections will be made. What happened to the +/- task force? Ask Senator Sanders.
   b. Policy 14U and Policy 14G. Typo 14U for courses taken at GSU. Motion to approve. Seconded and carried.

5. New Business.
   a. Administration wants representative from Faculty Senate on CBPA Dean Search. Senator Heino volunteered.
   b. HLC Committee Representative from Senate. Only need 2. There are 3 volunteers. Recommend that we ask if one wants to withdraw.
   c. E. Wignall: The review committee for learning management systems (ie. WebCT) needs 1 person from each college; the person should have experience teaching online classes.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)
No report
Executive Committee (Blaubaum)
No report

6. Old Business
No time

Next Senate Meeting is January 17, 2008

Adjournment
3:00

Respectfully submitted
Connie Mietlicki, Ph.D.

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