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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes February 21, 2008

Senators (Present = X):

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

Guests: President Elaine Maimon, Marcus Ahmed, Lisa Hendrickson, Rosemary Hulett, Marsha Katz, Sherilyn W. Poole, Christine Radtke, Peggy Woodard, Adam Zigelbaum

1. Call to Order, Announcements, Introductions – President Blobaum

- Call to Order at 1:03 p.m. There was a quorum.
- 2009—40th Anniversary of GSU, Lincoln’s Birthday Bi-Centennial, The Burnham Plan Anniversaries. This date marks the convergence of the three events. President Maimon suggested a Senate committee to participate in planning. Some ideas are a History wall, faculty experts giving historical perspectives, and celebrations marking how this time is the fulfillment of their visions.

2. Approval of January 17, 2008 minutes. Minutes approved with corrections (*Jun Zhao’s name #3 and members of the legislature #5*).

3. Introduction and welcome of Christine Radtke, Director of Development
She will be working with donors to raise funds and build support for GSU.

4. Administration Updates and Reports

- **President’s Update (Dr. Maimon)**
 - **21st Century Philanthropy.** The concept is a new approach that is relationship based and highly professional. It views legacy as an opportunity. The Foundation is going through re-thinking and moving toward external outreach, with strategic goals of cultivation of major donors.
 - State of Illinois: It still looks like not much funding for us is forthcoming. There hasn’t been a capital budget in the state for 5 years now. IBHE put \$21 million for us in their budget for the renovation of E & F wing, not the \$14.5 million, but the governor still has to release the funds.

- There is going to be a search for Associate Provost for Research to bring in a revenue stream.
- Concerns with safety and security in response to the tragedy at Northern: Deborah Boyd is now in position as Chief of Police. Vendors have already been consulted. Safety updates are not covered in the maintenance budget, and there are no special appropriations in the governor's budget that would cover how we could respond to extra costs. President Maimon has been talking with other presidents in the state as to what would be the best strategies because last year the governor vetoed the requests. The problem is that "deferred maintenance" is not in the state's operating budget, but our building is crumbling under our feet and in badly in need of repair and renovation.
- **Emergency Response Team (Dr. Poole)**
 - They are starting to identify and outfit an emergency response center with items such as maps, walkie-talkies, contact information, supplies, etc.
 - In the event of a crisis, systems are being prepared to insure that communication is prompt, efficient and redundant. At Northern, because of excessive cell phone and text messaging, some systems crashed.
 - A presentation was made to the team by "School Messenger," an auto-dialer system from the mid-80's, that calls and leaves messages.
 - Another system being considered is "Burbee," which is web-based, uses voice IP phone messages and also broadcasts over fire alarms and other means.
 - Training is needed for faculty: what to do, how to respond, and how to help students get to where help is available.
 - Faculty should communicate with Poole dead spots and areas that need to be attended to in case of an emergency situation.
- **GSU Foundation (Rosemary Hulett)**
 - This year's annual campaign has started. \$40,000 has been raised so far, with 15% participation. There was 48% participation last year. The GSU Promise counts toward participation. There is an online giving form. Donors can designate a specific account, as well as make a tribute to a particular individual.
 - Senate unanimously passed a motion to support the GSU Foundation's annual campaign.
- **Provost Update (Dr. Woodard)**
 - Dean searches: College of Education. GSU made an offer, but the candidate turned it down. There are now two new candidates. Dr.

Woodard will be Interim Dean when Dr. Hudak takes over as Provost. College of Business and Public Administration. Bill Wilkinson has been Interim Associate Dean. The committee will interview three faculty that applied for this position. The permanent dean search is moving forward with Academic Search.

- Dr. Woodard requests Senate's input for an application process for adjuncts. They are often hired at the last minute and without basic information.
- Also request was made for input on procedure for cancelling classes at the last minute, such as weather-related, emergency situations, etc. When the university is closed, a notice is posted on the website. Faculty need to make clear on the syllabus 1) what process will be used to notify students in case of emergency cancellation, i.e. telephone, WebCT, Blog, email; and 2) where to go for the information; and 3) directions to check 2 hours before class. Ideally there should be two forms of notification.

5. Committee Reports

- **Educational Policies Committee (Zagelbaum)**
 - Policy 19-U Undergraduate Readmissions and Special Admissions—approved
 - Policy 19-G Policy on Graduate Readmissions and Special Admissions—approved
- **IBHE (Wojcik)**
 - See handout for report.
- **UAC (Wojcik)**
 - No report
- **Graduate Studies Council (Zhao)**
 - J. Klomes resigned. B. Winicki appointed. Senate—approved.
- **APRC (APRC) (Sanders)**
 - B. Winicki resigned. S. Gandy appointed. Senate—approved.
- **UCC (Parin)**
 - Catalogue is on its way. Committee is reviewing suggestions for online courses, and specifically looking for suggestions about structure and guidelines for online courses.
- **Bargaining Unit (Katz)**

- Lobby Day is April 9. A bus is going to Springfield with delegates to talk to legislators about issues concerning higher ed. in general, GSU in particular.

- **Executive Committee (Blobaum)**

- No report

6. Other Business

- Winter Commencement – June Commencement 2009--TBA

7. Adjournment 3:12

Next Senate Meeting is March 20, 2008

Respectfully submitted
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