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# GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

## Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes March 20, 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>    </u>	T. Kim	<u>    </u>	W. Rudloff
<u>    </u>	M. Clark	<u>X</u>	J. Klomes	<u>    </u>	A. Sanders
<u>X</u>	E. Essex	<u>    </u>	N. Lu	<u>X</u>	J. Simon
<u>X</u>	P. Guimond	<u>X</u>	G. Lyon	<u>X</u>	C. Tymkow
<u>X</u>	D. Green	<u>X</u>	C. Mietlicki	<u>    </u>	E. Wignall
<u>X</u>	H. Heino	<u>X</u>	R. Muhammad	<u>X</u>	B. Winicki
<u>    </u>	M. Kasik	<u>X</u>	B. Parin	<u>X</u>	J. Zhao

**Guests:** President Elaine Maimon, Executive V.P. “Gebe” Ejigu, Provost Jane Rhoades Hudak, Colleen Rock

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

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

### 2. Approval of minutes. Minutes approved.

### 3. Administration Updates and Reports

- **Provost Update (Dr. Hudak)**

President Maimon introduced Dr. Hudak to the Senate. Our new Provost reported on preparations for the Higher Learning Commission 09 site visit and the April 2 information session in Sherman Recital Hall. She has been meeting with the deans, brainstorming short term goals to improve undergraduate enrollment and retention rates. Colleen Sexton has been appointed as NCATE Coordinator. The Provost has been through two NCATE accreditation processes, so she will be of great assistance to us as we prepare for the spring 2010 NCATE site visit.

- **President’s Update (Dr. Maimon)**

President Maimon testified before the House appropriations committee and had positive interactions with many other legislators also who have expressed their understanding that the state has not done its part in supporting higher education with sufficient appropriations. There still is no capital budget. The state is behind in reimbursements, but is catching up from 4 months behind to only 30 days behind. Investigations are being held about the possibilities of residential facilities on campus for international students.

- **Executive Vice President's Update (Dr. Ejigu)**

Following the NIU tragedy, the GSU Emergency Response Team found deficiencies everywhere on campus. Today we are in much better shape than 60 days ago. There are various levels of notification: Internet, IP phones, alarms, paging systems, and soon-to-be-announced text-messaging system. Next week phones will be installed in E-F wing labs where currently there are none. There will also be training and properly-designed instructions.

The revamping process for the electric system is costing almost \$1 million more than planned. Most work must be done at night, on "overtime," to close parts of wings from 10 P.M. Friday to 6 A.M. Monday. Some of the systems are almost 40 years old and are "ticking bombs."

Question was raised about the swimming pool. The drawings were incorrect "as built," which had an impact on the schedule; but the pool renovation should be completed before June 1.

#### 4. Faculty Reports

- **University Safety Committee Report (Gary Lyon)**

The Emergency Response Team makes decisions that are time-sensitive. The Safety Committee is a recommending body. There is a new Emergency Response headquarters with good communication devices with redundancies built in. New safety posters will be available soon. The committee met with Will Co. Disaster Agency. It is the committee's recommendation that GSU needs a permanent safety officer. The DPS is understaffed. The committee's study indicates 9 full-time officers is the recommended number for our size campus/student body; we have 3. We do not have a written hazardous chemical communication plan. Lyon has three readily available. See handout for full report.

- **UCC (Beth Parin)**

They are currently revising forms.

- **APRC (APRC) (Adelle Sanders)**

No report

- **Educational Policies Committee (Adam Zagelbaum)**

No report

- **Graduate Studies Council (Jun Zhao)**

They are proposing a structure and going to propose a statement of function and purpose.

- **IBHE (Becky Wojcik)**

See handout for report.

- **UAC (Becky Wojcik)**  
No report
- **Bargaining Unit (Marsha Katz)**  
No report  
Lobby Day April 9
- **Executive Committee (Paul Blobaum)**

## **5. Other Business**

- Blobaum is attending a meeting for university senate presidents on April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss common issues such as security, funding, and budget cuts and hopefully bring back fresh ideas.
- May is the month Senate traditionally holds elections. Representation is 12.5% of unit A faculty in each college. Should there be a minimum? Should we review the bylaws? There are committees that no longer exist because of PBAC—do we need a by-laws review committee? There are 147 full-time faculty.

## **6. Adjournment 2:50**

**Next Senate Meeting is April 17, 2008**

Respectfully submitted  
Connie Mietlicki, Ph.D.