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# GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

## Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes June 19, 2008

### Senators (Present = X):

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

**Guests:** Provost Jane Rhoades Hudak, Executive V.P. "Gebe" Ejigu, Colleen Rock

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

Call to Order at 1:10 p.m. in the cafeteria annex. A quorum was present at 1:20.

### 2. Administration Updates and Reports

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

The Board of Trustees approved the College of Health and Human Services' name change. Strategic planning committee has contracted a professional writer to polish the presentation document. There will be a retreat in August. Current searches: CBPA has hired a dean: Ellen Foster Curtis; COE has two candidates coming in July; OSPR is in process. School of Interdisciplinary Learning was moved to CAS because it needed to be in an academic college. A study session will be held in August with the Trustees to consider restructuring and a possible title change.

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

PBAC held two days of hearing reports of what is being done at GSU. They are meeting tomorrow to assess needs to allocate resources. In Springfield we fared well, although there is some concern about a possibility of the governor's selective vetoing. Therefore we are recommending setting aside a reserve in case of such a veto. We sold a second group of bonds a week ago, based on a favorable rating by Standard and Poor; next January we will go for another one. Building infrastructure reconstruction projects will be undertaken over the summer: elevators, parking lot B, exterior repairs. The swimming pool project is behind schedule due to contractor fault and cutting corners, resulting in the

need to re-do some of the work. Electrical reconstruction may cause some inconvenience and disruption. Replacement/update of classroom furniture will begin; 1/3 will be this summer; 1/3 next summer, etc. Housing: there is no consensus on the board yet. The President believes campus housing is an important issue. Quality public/private housing can increase student learning, so housing will be a goal for 2010.

PBAC would like Senate faculty representation. They would like Senate to appoint two representatives to each PBAC committee and one to each sub-committee, in staggered terms. They will function on 10 month calendars. (Strategic Planning and Accreditation do not need representation.) An honorary degree committee is being reformed. The Board of Trustees is willing to have representatives. The plan is to have a sign up in September with dates so that two people could arrange to go to meeting and then report back to Senate.

### **3. Meeting was called to order at 2:40. A quorum was present.**

### **4. Approval of minutes.**

Minutes from April and May were approved as written.

### **5. Faculty Reports**

- **University Safety Committee Report (Gary Lyon)**  
No report
- **UCC (Beth Parin)**  
Dr. Mohberg resigned. No report.
- **Educational Policies Committee (Betsy Essex)**  
The committees are in transition. Policy 16 is under review.
- **IBHE (Becky Wojcik)**  
The report will be emailed.
- **Executive Committee (Paul Blobaum)**  
Discussion of whether to hold elections by email. Election should be done in April and the run-off, if necessary, in May. Muhammad and Marion run-off should be held as soon as possible. There are still vacancies. Blobaum will make a list of vacancies for people to be appointed so that we can have volunteers now and then people can be appointed in September. Parin and Rudloff volunteered in CAS; Heino volunteered for the at Large seat. The bylaws are now on the Wiki. A motion was made that the Executive Committee act as the bylaw drafting sub-committee. After discussion, the motion was called for a voted and carried.

- **Bargaining Unit (Marsha Katz)**  
No report
- **APRC (APRC) (Adelle Sanders)**  
No report
- **Graduate Studies Council (Jun Zhao)**  
No report
- **UAC (Becky Wojcik)**  
No report

## **6. Other Business**

## **7. Adjournment 3:10**

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

Respectfully submitted  
Connie Mietlicki, Ph.D.

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corrected and approved 9/21/08 meeting