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Governors State University
Faculty Senate
Minutes October 16, 2008

Senators (Present = X):

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

Guests: President Elaine Maimon, Provost Jane Rhoades Hudak, Executive VP Gebe Ejigu, Colleen Rock, Marsha Katz, Becky Wojcik, Adam Taylor, Carol Cortilet-Albrecht, Pam Stipanich

Call to Order

Blobaum called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Announcements

Blobaum announced that the draft AY09-10 calendar that was discussed distributed was incorrect. The Registrar will send the corrected calendar to Blobaum.

Minutes

The September 18 minutes will be reviewed and acted upon at the November meeting.

Appointment of Nominees to Senator Vacancies

Blobaum announced that there was a run-off election for the two vacant At-Large Senate positions and Bell and Heino were elected to fill those seats.

Mietlicki resigned from the Senate, and Wilson volunteered to fill that vacancy in CAS. Lyon moved to approve Wilson's appointment as a CAS Senator. Guimond seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Klomes moved to nominate Heino as Secretary, with Rock, Senate Parliamentarian, as recording secretary. Essex seconded the motion. Heino accepted the nomination; Rock agreed to be recording secretary. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The appointment is for the completion of AY08-09.

Appointment of Nominees to Committees

The new slate for the Academic Program Elimination Review Committee (APERC) is: Heino, CBPA; Wilson, CAS; Howell (tentatively) COE; Adam, CHHS; Morrow Ruetten, UL/DLMD; and Sanders, At-Large. The new slate of Faculty Senate appointments for the Institutional Review Board of Human Subjects Research (IRB) is Guimond, CAS; Clark, CBPA; Kasik, COE; Lu, CHHS; and Blobaum, UL/DLMD. Lyon moved to appoint Heino as the representative

to the BOT Academic Affairs Committee. Wignall seconded the motion. Heino moved to appoint Lyon to the BOT Facilities Committee. Blobaum seconded the motion. The motions were approved by unanimous voice vote. Wilson moved to approve the new slates for APERC and IRB. Wignall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Blobaum informed the Senate that the administration would like the Honorary Degree Nomination Review Committee to have more faculty representatives. Faculty members serving on that committee are Beth Cada, James Coldren, Nancy Miller, and Blobaum. A Senator recommended that the honorary degree committee be removed from the list of Faculty Senate committees. Blobaum accepted the recommendation and will remove that committee from the list.

New Business

Blobaum changed the order of the agenda, with the consent of the Senate, to discuss combining the division and college curriculum committees in CBPA. Discussion included permanent faculty role as responsible for curriculum, and decisions to change the curriculum review process within a college should be supported by the majority of Unit A faculty. The discussion was tabled until after the administration reports.

Administration Reports

President Report

Maimon reported that she had a town hall meeting with the Civil Service staff, and there was a great deal of worry regarding the economy. The administration is committed to open communication about economic issues. The increase in tuition and fees along with the increase in enrollment (up in student credit hours) has helped financially; as did the fiscal planning through the Planning & Budget Advisory Council (PBAC) process. The administration planned conservatively and for a possible rescission (of 10%). GSU's relationship with the General Assembly and the governor's office is good. GSU instituted a transformative way of doing the budget through PBAC. Through that process, strategic decisions have been made. There are things that GSU can control and things that GSU cannot control. One of the things that GSU can control is enrollment growth. The excellence of the programs, offered by excellent faculty, will help fulfill the mission and will help GSU financially by increasing enrollment. GSU has little or no control over state appropriations; therefore, the University is increasingly dependent on tuition and fee income. Each college is working on enrollment management plans. A Senator questioned if funds allocated to the colleges and being used for curricular issues and faculty searches will be taken back if there is a rescission. Maimon responded that the funds allocated to the colleges, which support searches and other activities, should be fine. Ejigu added that funds have already been set aside for a possible reasonable state rescission. The colleges are using funds from the base that was allocated to them. However, the State is not disclosing the state of the State economy. The Strategic Plan commits the University to grow undergraduate enrollment. Another way to be in control of our destiny is to make GSU more attractive to community college students. In response to a question about the strategic initiatives funds, Maimon stated that the administration is in the process of rolling it out. Ejigu and Hudak are appointing a committee to develop criteria for proposals to request the strategic initiative funds and a process to review the proposals. It is the hope that the committee will complete its charge in time to have a call for proposals by early to mid-December. If the process begins then, the awards would likely be announced in March.

Provost Report

Hudak reported that GSU is mandated by the federal government to gather race and ethnicity data. The government changed the regulation and added two questions. Hudak distributed copies of the information. The data needs to be gathered for the students who are currently enrolled. The faculty is asked to assist by distributing scantron sheets with the questions to the students in each of their classes. The colleges will be responsible for getting the scantron sheets to the faculty. Duplicates (student completing the survey more than once if he/she is attending more than one class) will be checked by the Institutional Research to eliminate duplicates. ITS is working on an online version. The Family Development Center (FDC) has a new director, who is very interested in working with the faculty. Hudak thanked the members of the search committee for their work. The FDC has three major programs: the pre-K program, the infant/toddler program, and child care program (including after school child care for children up to 12 years old). Appleson, the HLC liaison to GSU, recently visited campus. It was a positive pre-site visit. Hudak thanked all those who are engaged in the HLC subcommittees. The entire academic leadership will meet on October 31 for a workshop. Part of that workshop will be spent discussing enrollment management plans. There have been fantastic outreach efforts with the community colleges. Maimon has met with all the community college presidents and Hudak has been meeting with her counterparts at the colleges. Kennedy-King is anxious to partner with GSU and brought up the possibility of bridge courses. Maimon and Hudak were invited back to meet with all the presidents of the city colleges.

Executive Vice President Report

Ejigu reported that construction continues, Parking Lot B is now open, but Parking Lot C, which is larger than B, is closed for renovation. It is hoped that the traffic problem will not be as severe as it was at the beginning of the term. Usually at the beginning of the fall term a large number of students visit for advising, financial aid, book purchases, etc. The administration has been working with the deans and other unit heads to allow staff to work alternative hours so that some staff members will leave campus by 4:00. There is also a contingency plan, if needed: to allow parking on the divided road entryway and shuttle people to the main building. Unless bad weather is a factor, Lot C should be completed by mid-December. The first power outage went well. There are two more power outages scheduled: November 27-29 and December 26-29. The administration is exploring the possibility of on-campus housing and is in the process of issuing a request for proposals for private/public partnerships. If it is successful, there may be a ground breaking by July 2009. Maimon clarified that no University funds would be used for the housing project. The administration is also looking into the possibility of having wind turbines on site, to generate power. In response to a question from a Senator, Ejigu agreed to put clocks in classrooms.

Faculty Reports

Educational Policies Committee (EPC)

Essex, Chair of EPC, reported that the Honors Policy was reviewed, revised, and recommended by the EPC some time ago for discussion at the Senate. The EPC felt that the whole Senate should be involved in the discussion. Under the proposed revisions, there would be a very high percentage of students receiving honors. Part of the reason for that may be that students only take two years of courses in their majors (benchmark data was from four-year universities). Taylor, Student Senate President, informed the Senate that the students have asked about the status of the revised policy. The students are in favor of the three-tier, Latin revisions to the policy. The Faculty Senate does not seem to be opposed to the three-tier, Latin honors, but feels there needs to be further discussion and possible revisions so that students who receive honors get something

of value. Blobaum proposed that honors be discussed at Executive Committee before going back to EPC, regarding minimum number of GSU hours needed for graduation honors. Essex stated that any request for a policy revision must be made **in writing** to her, as Chair of EPC.

University Curriculum Committee (UCC)

Parin, Chair of UCC, reminded the Senate that the UCC submission deadline for the 2009-2010 catalog is October 23, 2008. Parin asked Cortilet-Albrecht and Pam Stipanich to present on degree audit. Cortilet-Albrecht clarified that official course titles do not need to be changed; however, the degree audit and course applicability system only allows 29 characters for each title. Therefore, abbreviated course titles will be used for that process. Of the current courses, 930 will need abbreviated titles. A list of courses, with the number of characters in the title of each, was given to the Degree Audit Task Force members for distribution to the colleges. The lists of college-approved, proposed, abbreviated course titles will be submitted to John Stoll and Jane Hudak for final approval. The abbreviated course titles do not have to go through UCC. Once the degree audit system is fully implemented, it will check for pre-requisites. It is the intent to have degree audit functional for new students by Winter 2010.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)

There was no report.

Graduate Studies Council

There was no report.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (IBHE FAC)

There was no report.

Bargaining Unit (Marsha Katz)

There was no report.

University Safety Committee

There was no report.

Executive Committee (Paul Blobaum)

There was no report.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business (cont.)

The discussion of combining the division and college curriculum committees in CBPA was tabled until the November meeting. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will consider the issue at its next meeting and make a proposal for statement of resolution.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.