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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate
Minutes October 15, 2009**

Senators (Present = X):

_____ N. Adam	<u> X </u> S. Gandy	_____ R. Muhammad	<u> X </u> R. Wojcik
_____ E. Alozie	<u> X </u> D. Green	_____ B. Parin	
_____ P. Blobaum	<u> X </u> H. Heino	<u> X </u> W. Rudloff	
<u> X </u> M. Bruce	<u> X </u> R. James	_____ A. Sanders	
<u> X </u> M. Carrington	<u> X </u> T. Kelly	<u> X </u> C. Tymkow	
<u> X </u> D. Cortese	_____ T. Kim	_____ E. Wignall	
<u> X </u> B. Essex	_____ J. Klomes	<u> X </u> B. Winicki	

Guests: Provost David Curtis, Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu, David Greg, Elizabeth Ruiz, Aida Shekib, Will Kelly

Call to Order

Winicki called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Announcements

Winicki welcomed new senators Cortese and James. Quorum was reached, and nomination was made and seconded for Heino for Faculty Senate President. Heino stated that he appreciated the nomination, but would not accept the nomination. There were no further nominations for Faculty Senate President. Essex asked if positions other than the presidency could be elected, and Winicki responded, “yes.” Nomination was made and seconded for Winicki for Faculty Senate Vice President. Votes were cast by senators by paper ballot, and Winicki was elected by unanimous vote. Carrington and Gandy were nominated for Secretary. Votes were cast by senators by paper ballot, and Carrington was elected by majority vote.

Winicki stated that there are two vacancies to be filled—one in CHHS and one in CBPA. Thomas, Cepa and Boland-Prom are nominations for the CHHS vacancy; CBPA has no nominations. Heino moved that an election be conducted to fill the vacancies within the next two weeks. Tymkow seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Shekib then volunteered to serve as the new senator for CBPA. Heino moved that the Senate appoint Shekib as senator, and Bruce seconded; the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Senators from the individual colleges then caucused to select one representative from each college to serve on the Executive Committee. At-large senators caucused with their home colleges. Executive Committee members selected are as follows: Cortese for CAS, Heino for CBPA, Wojcik for CHHS and Kelly for COE.

Winicki then stated that the Copyright Committee still has vacancies to be filled for CBPA, CHHS and DLMD. Names mentioned to potentially fill vacancies were Comer and Groebner from CHHS and Brown from DLMD. Some vacancies in this committee will be filled through the Faculty Senate, and some will be appointed by the administration. The committee will report to the Provost. Curtis stated that the committee needed people experienced in publishing matters. He suggested that the committee would develop policy related to copyright issues, which would be approved by GSU legal counsel and then would go to the EPC. Further discussion of the copyright committee determined that a primary charge of the committee would be copyright and patent policy. Future

determination of the role of the Senate in the Copyright Committee and terms and duties of members is deferred to the Executive Committee.

Minutes

Approval of the September minutes was postponed until the October meeting.

Faculty Reports

Bargaining Unit

Ruiz reported 27 issues were being considered during negotiations. She reminded senators of the membership meeting to occur on October 29 from 2:00-4:00 pm. The president of the local chapter of the union will be present at the meeting. Ruiz stated that the negotiations are being conducted using modified traditional bargaining, meaning that updates to the negotiations cannot be posted until both sides agree. Semester calendar issues are being negotiated. When the contract negotiations are finished, the union will be renegotiating cue guidelines. The administration wants to open up modification of division criteria again. The union may conduct on-line surveys of faculty opinion on these potential modifications. Ruiz stated that letters being placed in an employee's personnel file without the employee's knowledge is still an issue. She stated that any employee can contact Veronica Hunt to view his/her personnel file. Ruiz reported that the MAP rally in Springfield was today. Ruiz reported that a presentation on the H1N1 virus by a professor at Eastern IL will be next Thursday from 2:00-4:00 pm in C3345.

Educational Policies Committee (EPC)

Essex, EPC Chair, reported that EPC is considering administrative promotion policy. EPC decided not to revise and follow up on a textbook policy that it had passed, but had been modified by Provost Curtis. This textbook policy had originally been requested by Provost Hudak.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (IBHE FAC)

Wojcik distributed a paper copy of IBHE FAC report, and stated that the next meeting of the committee is tomorrow. Shekib has agreed to take over as faculty representative on the committee.

University Curriculum Committee (UCC)

No report.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)

Gandy, chair of APRC, reported APRC tabled consideration of the annual report until additional information is available. Eric Martin visited the committee to talk about the upcoming HLC visit.

Graduate Studies Council

Winicki reported that Martin also attended the last meeting of the Graduate Council to talk about the HLC visit. The CR grading policy that the Graduate Council has been working on seems to be held up in legal counsel.

Executive Committee

No report.

Administration Reports

President Report

No report.

Provost Report

Curtis discussed the upcoming HLC visit, and detailed the schedule during the visit, as far as it had been finalized:

Monday, Nov. 16

8:00-9:00 am—Breakfast with President’s cabinet, deans, self study coordinators

9:00-10:00 am—Meeting with President

Lunch with Board of Trustees

2:00-2:30 pm—Open meeting with civil service employees

3:00-4:00—Open meeting with faculty

Tuesday, Nov. 17

10:00-11:00 am—Meeting open to the public

1:00-2:00 pm—Meeting with UCC (meetings may be scheduled with APRC, EPC, PBAC, etc.)

2:00-2:30 pm—Open meeting with students

3:00-4:00 pm—Open meeting with faculty

HLC visitors will be encouraged to “experience the campus” during evening hours, from 4:15-4:30 and from 7:15-7:30. Curtis requested that all faculty and administrators be available on campus during Monday and Tuesday.

Executive Vice President Report

No report.

Old Business

Policy 9U, *English Language Proficiency—Undergraduate Admission*; Policy 9G, *English Language Proficiency*: Changes requested by the Senate were made to the policies: 1) reference was made in both policies to the TOEFL web site for explanation of scoring procedures; 2) minimum acceptable scores were simplified from two scores separated by a slash to one minimum acceptable score for each exam and 3) policies now stipulate that the Office of Admissions will implement and verify minimum competencies, and has discretionary authority to determine exceptions. Tymkow moved that both policies with the incorporated changes be approved, and Wojcik seconded the nomination. The policies were approved by unanimous voice vote.

MAP funding resolution: Wojcik drafted a resolution by the Faculty Senate that MAP funding for students be restored. A friendly amendment (that “most” be deleted from the first line of the fourth paragraph) to the resolution was made and accepted. Winicki moved that the resolution as amended be approved, and Rudloff seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Wojcik moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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