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Governors State University  
Faculty Senate  
Minutes November 19, 2009

Senators (Present = X):
   E. Alozie          X  S. Gandy          X  R. Muhammad         X  R. Wojcik
   X  P. Blobaum      X  D. Green          X  B. Parin
   X  M. Bruce        X  H. Heino          X  W. Rudloff
   X  M. Carrington   X  R. James          X  A. Sanders
   X  D. Cepa         X  T. Kelly          X  C. Tymkow
   X  D. Cortese      X  T. Kim            X  E. Wignall
   ___  B. Essex      ___  J. Klomes       ___  B. Winicki

Guests: President Elaine Maimon, Provost David Curtis, Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu, Colleen Rock, Elizabeth Ruiz, Tamekia Scott, Aida Shekib

Call to Order
Blobaum called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Announcements
Blobaum announced that the election for Faculty Senate President would take place at the end of the meeting, and he welcomed the visitors.

Minutes
September minutes were approved. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the fourth sentence under “Announcements” and the last paragraph of the Provost Report be deleted. October minutes were approved as amended.

Faculty Reports
Bargaining Unit
No report.

Educational Policies Committee (EPC)
No report.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (IBHE FAC)
Shekib distributed a paper copy of IBHE FAC report (appended to these minutes) and reported on the October 16 and November 13 meetings. At the October meeting MAP funding was discussed. A source of money for MAP funding likely will not be identified before February. At the November meeting, concern over the Illinois Policy Institute’s Report Card on Public Higher Education in Illinois was discussed.

University Curriculum Committee (UCC)
No report.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)
No report.
Graduate Studies Council
Green reported that the Graduate Council is continuing to work on “unbundling” Policy 16. He also reported on discussions related to how often the university catalog is updated. The concern is that because the catalog currently is updated only once a year, a new academic program may not be included in an update by the time students are registering for the new program. The Graduate Council is considering requesting an on-line addendum to the catalog be prepared semiannually (perhaps once per academic term) that will include new academic programs.

Executive Committee
Blobaum reported on actions taken by the Executive Committee regarding copyright policy and the Copyright Committee. The Executive Committee requested from the Provost a draft Intellectual Property (trademark, patent, product) Policy by January. Motion was made and seconded for the Faculty Senate to re-appoint representatives Chung (CBPA), Brown (DLMD) and Nigam (CHHS) to 2009-11 terms on the Copyright Committee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Administration Reports
President Report
Maimon reported on results from the recent HLC visit. Preliminary recommendation from the HLC is that Governors State be re-accredited for an additional ten years. GSU will receive a written report from the HLC in approximately six weeks. Although this response from HLC was largely positive, it requested action from GSU on specific items in the science laboratories, and on institution-wide assessment.

Provost Report
Curtis reported on the provost search. The Provost Search Committee interviewed candidates last week over a two day period at O'Hare Airport, and recommended candidates for on-campus interviews. As a result of this search process, two candidates will be invited for on-campus interviews during early December. Names of the candidates will be made public soon, when reference checking is complete and dates of visits are confirmed.

Executive Vice President Report
No report.

New Business
Campus Threat Assessment Team (Tamekia Scott, Outreach Counselor, Student Counseling Center): Scott outlined the purpose and operations of the Campus Threat Assessment Team (CTAT), and distributed an Executive Summary, appended to these minutes. Formation of the CTAT was mandated by law: the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008. The CTAT’s purpose is to reduce risks to campus safety by any individuals. It will assess reports of potentially threatening behaviors, refer individuals to appropriate counseling if needed, and may recommend appropriate intervention plans. Senators discussed implementation issues involved with the CTAT.

Election of 2009-2011 President
Nomination was made and seconded for Carrington for Faculty Senate President. Carrington accepted the nomination. Nomination was made and seconded for Heino for Faculty Senate President, and Heino accepted the nomination. Each nominee then made a statement addressing his/her experience in university governance, and issues that (s)he would address if elected. Both
nominees responded to questions asked by senators. Visitors were asked to leave the room, and an election was conducted by paper ballot. Heino was elected by majority vote.

**January Executive Committee and Faculty Senate Meetings**

Because Winter trimester starts after the first Thursday of January, senators discussed scheduling of Executive Committee and Faculty Senate meetings in January. A motion was made and seconded that the Executive Committee meet on January 14, and the full Senate meet on January 21, as previously scheduled. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Heino stated that he would confirm a meeting place for the Executive Committee meeting, and would notify senators by e-mail.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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