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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

March 29, 2012 1:00-3:00 PM

Room B1240

Senators in Attendance:

X	E. Alozie (AL/CAS)		W. Henne (CAS)	X	W. Rudloff (CAS)
X	Y. Brown (UL/DLMD)*		R. James (AL/CHHS)		A. Shekib (CBPA)
X	M. Bruce (CBPA)	X	E. Johnson (CAS)*	X	F. Tian (CBPA)*
	D. Cepa (CHHS)	X	V. Jones (CAS)	X	C. Tymkow (CHHS)
X	D. Cortese (CAS)*	X	T. Kelly (COE)	X	R. Washington (CHHS)*
X	E. Essex (CHHS)*		J. Klomes (COE)*	X	B. Winicki (COE)*
	S. Gandy (COE)*	X	M. Marion (AL/COE)		
X	D. Hechenberger (AL/COE)	X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)*		

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Guests: E. Maimon, T. Allison, M. Katz, M. Kasik

1. Call to order at 1:12 without quorum by Faculty Senate President Rashidah Muhammad; quorum established later during meeting.
2. Administrative Reports

President Maimon

President Maimon stated that she will not be able to attend next month's Senate meeting because she will be in Springfield testifying regarding the budget. President Maimon noted that Illinois University presidents have already testified to the IL Senate. GSU's testimony was very successful and no questions were asked. However, the state has serious, continuing indebtedness problems. President Maimon noted that there is a team approach to addressing potential budget cuts within higher education community in Illinois. She stated that GSU deans and unit heads will be receiving guidelines for preparing proposals for PBAC. They will be asked to be prepared for budget cuts.

President Maimon reported that construction and renovations are going well and are on schedule. Roof repairs will take place this summer. With regard to student housing, President Maimon stated that the bonding process is proceeding. Illinois' bond rating has been downgraded, but GSU has retained A- rating with positive outlook. The bond announcement was made yesterday (March 27), and they anticipate that bonds will start selling a week from today.

President Maimon stated that on Tuesday (March 27), the "Innovation and Creativity in General Education" workshop was held and many faculty members participated.

President Maimon reminded senators that commencement will be on May 19, and, for the first time, there will be two ceremonies on the same day. There will be two honorary degrees awarded: Charles Lotton, a glass-blowing artist, and Laurens Grant, a documentary filmmaker.

Provost Allison

Provost Allison noted the success of Tuesday's "Innovation and Creativity in General Education" workshop lead by Carol Schneider, president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. The workshop focused on the charge of the General Education Working Group and admission of freshmen. A number of senators attended the workshop and spoke about their experiences. Senator Brown spoke briefly about the activities during small group activities. Senator Essex spoke about the process, which included students. M. Kasik also commented on the process. Senator Tymkow stated that the themes on which there is agreement are very positive and reflect a lot of what is already being done. Provost Allison commented that General Education is not restricted to freshmen. Criteria for entering juniors, possible capstones for undergraduate, etc., are also involved.

Provost Allison stated that GSU had welcomed visitors from China's Counselate of Education. They are looking into promoting Chinese language instruction, including working with the children in the Family Development Center. Also visitors from two Turkish universities (Sakarya University and Suleyman Sah University) were on campus on March 28. They are interested in sending students and faculty within exchange programs.

3. Report from Parliamentarian Maribeth Kasik:

Dr. Kasik provided a summary of Roberts Rules and proper language to use when making motions, what can be interrupted, and what can't be interrupted. Dr. Kasik stated that the goal is to make things more civil. A specific explanation of the procedures for voting on extension of time limits was provided. Senator Jones noted the possibility of legal vulnerability if Roberts Rules are not followed.

4. Approval of February Faculty Senate meeting minutes (Quorum reached.)

Senators reviewed Feb. minutes, and there was editing of the Graduate Council report. Senator Hechenberger made the motion to approve; Senator Tymkow seconded. The edited minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. Senate By-Laws Change

The proposed change, which expands the membership of Standing Committees (see attached), was presented by Faculty Senate President Muhammad, who explained that this affects all Standing Committees. Senator Winicki raised a question about the reference to *UL/CELCS/SAS, UL/DLMD division*. She noted that CAS would represent these faculty members, with the exception of University Library, after the move of DLMD to CAS. Provost Allison stated that this would occur on July 1. President Muhammad requested an extension of the time limit for discussion of the change in by-laws.

A senator asked that Roberts Rules be invoked and that the proposal be tabled and referred to the Executive Committee for revision. Another senator noted that that would require republishing of the proposed change. The Senate members did editing of the proposed change, including maximum membership set at 13, elimination of references to CELCS, SAS, and DLMD, and changing "one-two member(s)" to "one to two members." The edited proposed change to Faculty Senate By-Laws Article V, Section 1a reads:

If requested by a Standing Committee (with the exception of the Executive Committee), and approved by a majority of Senators, a Standing Committee may request that their regular membership be increased to a maximum of thirteen (13) members: with two representatives from each college, and one to two member(s) from UL, and three (3) At-Large. The membership of Standing Committees may include faculty other than persons currently serving as senators, but only a senator shall be eligible to chair such a committee. Incumbency of membership on standing committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be staggered terms of two years.

Senator Hechenberger made the motion to approve this change in the Faculty Senate By-Laws; Senator Tian seconded. The question was called by Senator Essex. The change was approved by voice vote, which was unanimous excepting one abstention.

6. Report on Consultant

Faculty Senate President Muhammad stated that the Executive Committee had conducted a phone interview with Dr. Jeorg Tiede, who is associated with AAUP. In addition, President Muhammad did a follow-up phone conversation with the candidate. Senator Brown spoke about the impression Dr. Tiede made during the interview with the Executive Committee. Most felt that the phone interview made many Executive Committee members more comfortable with hiring him as a consultant. A senator asked if there had been any other candidates. President Muhammad stated only Dr. Tiede had been interviewed. The senator noted that the process should have included more than one candidate interviewed. Another senator stated that having only one candidate might set a precedent. Two senators noted that there were two additional people mentioned as possible consultants, but it appears that they were withdrawn from the pool. A senator who had participated in the interview with Dr. Tiede noted that his strength in the area of shared governance was a key factor in the Executive Committee's recommendation to hire him. There was a brief discussion of whether there is any urgent need for having the consultancy done this year given the issues related to process. Faculty Senate President Muhammad asked for a motion regarding this. Senator Jones made the motion, "We should consider the process by which the candidate was chosen." Senator Marion seconded.

Parliamentarian Kasik asked the motion be reworded, and Senator Jones restated his motion as, "We should accept the process by which the candidate was chosen." A brief discussion occurred, and a vote on the motion was called. The results were: 5 affirmative, 6 negative, and 3 abstain. A senator stated that she trusts the opinion of colleagues, but it is the precedent that is being set that is a problem; two other senators affirmed this. Senator Washington made the motion, "We should bring this person to campus as a consultant to the Senate in April." The motion was seconded by Senator Kelly. Discussion focused on the process, specifically having only one candidate available and interviewed. Senator Hechenberger noted that his "sense is we didn't want to lose this chance because so many things are going on, but we want to get the right process right as we move forward." The question was called, and the motion passed (15 affirmative, 1 negative, 0 abstain). Faculty Senate President will make arrangement for Dr. Tiede's visit on April 19, which is the date of the April Faculty Senate meeting.

(President Maimon and Provost Allison left the meeting at 2:10.)

7. Faculty Reports:

- IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee – A hard copy reported was distributed.
- University Curriculum Committee -- A hard copy report from UCC chair Parin was distributed (see attached).
- Academic Program Review Committee – A report from APRC chair Gandy was received after the Senate meeting (see attached).
- Educational Policy Committee – EPC chair Essex stated that she had nothing new to report.
- Graduate Studies Council – Senate representative to the Graduate Council Tymkow stated that she had nothing new to report.
- Executive Committee -- Faculty Senate President Muhammad noted that she will distribute the roster showing vacancies on Senate and committees.

8. Bargaining Unit

Katz reported that there had been a Meet the Candidates event yesterday (March 28); a list of candidates will be sent in U.S. mail from UPI local to home addresses per federal guidelines. Also, the UPI website will have candidate biographies/statements posted. Katz reported that the House of Delegates meeting had included discussion of two resolutions from GSU representatives. She also asked for support in petitioning the Illinois legislature not to pass a bill which would eliminate the 50% tuition waiver for employees.

9. Adjournment: 2:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 2012, 1-3 p.m., McGee Hall of Honors

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Winicki
Faculty Senate Secretary

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Proposed Bylaws amendment (Feb 29, 2012)

Pursuant to the Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article IX, Section 1 *These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Faculty Senate by a majority of members present and voting, providing at least twenty (20) working days' prior notice has been given to the membership.*

The Faculty Senate President hereby informs Senators that there will be a vote on an amendment to the bylaws.

Article V, Section 1a: *Each Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be composed of, at minimum, seven (7) regular members with one representative from each college, and one member from UL/CELCS/SAS, UL/DLMD division, and two At Large. The membership of Standing Committees may include faculty other than persons currently serving as senators, but only a senator shall be eligible to chair such a committee. Incumbency of membership on standing committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be staggered terms of two years.*

Article V, Section 1a amended to the following:

If requested by a Standing Committee (with the exception of the Executive Committee), and approved by a majority of Senators, a Standing Committee may request that their regular membership be increased to a maximum of fourteen (14) members: with two representatives from each college, and one-two member(s) from UL/CELCS/SAS, UL/DLMD division, and three (3) At-Large. The membership of Standing Committees may include faculty other than persons currently serving as senators, but only a senator shall be eligible to chair such a committee. Incumbency of membership on standing committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be staggered terms of two years.

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Report to Executive Faculty Senate

March 1, 2012 - Happy Leap year!

UCC would like to thank Faculty Senate for running a vote for additional faculty members. This will be very helpful completing the program reviews, in preparation for the incoming undergraduates.

There has not been a set date from the President or Provost office as to when the new program courses for the lower classes will need to be completed. As soon as there is a date set, UCC will announce it immediately.

Additionally, UCC is making the announcement now that next year's catalog submission deadline, for inclusion in the catalog, will be Friday, October 5, 2012. This advance announcement will give faculty and programs enough time to complete all requested changes and reviews.

UCC meets every Monday from 1:00 – 3:00. The weekly agenda for UCC will be based on submissions received by Thursday of the previous week; exceptions may be made for reconsiderations of previously submitted items or special circumstances.

If there are any questions please email UCC at UCC@govst.edu

Report prepared by Beth Parin-Norris, UCC Chair

Governors State University
Academic Program Review Committee
March 22, 2012
Report to the Faculty Senate March 29, 2012

Agenda Item	Action	Comments
Approval of minutes from March 8, 2012	Approved	Motion by Farouk Second by Mary
Change in Annual Listing: BA in Psychology Concentration in Industrial organization Forensic Psychology	Discussion	Ask faculty to attend next meeting to answer questions
Pending BA in Psychology: Mindfulness		
RNUI BA Political Science	Received late, consider next time	
Program Review Reports BFA Fine Arts	send back for revisions	
Adjournment	Approved	Motion by Farouk Second by Mary
Next meeting April 12, 2012		