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Faculty Senate Meeting
May 17, 2012 1:00-4:00 PM
Hall of Honors

Senators in Attendance:

	E. Alozie (AL/CAS)	X	W. Henne (CAS)	X	W. Rudloff (CAS)
	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)
	D. Cortese (CAS)*		T. Kelly (COE)		R. Washington (CHHS)*
X	E. Essex (CHHS)*	X	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: T. Allison, A. Latham, M. Kasik, J. Tiede, M. Katz, S. Estep

Call to order by Faculty Senate President Rashidah Muhammad at 1:05 with quorum established.

Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Jones; seconded by Senator Hechenberger. The agenda for the meeting, with no additions, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

1. Administrative Report by Provost Allison

Provost Allison reported that President Maimon is in Springfield dealing with state employee pension issues, but he has nothing about this to report. Provost Allison encouraged everyone to express concerns to legislature.

Provost Allison reminded faculty that today (May 17) the doctoral hooding ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Commencement ceremonies will be on Saturday, May 19, with one in morning for CBP and CAS and one in late afternoon for COE and CHHS.

Provost Allison provided a clarification about a story that had appeared in local news outlets recently. Mr. John Glennon, the news story stated, had been sentenced to serve his community service at GSU CenterPoint. Provost Allison stated that GSU's administration had not heard about this prior to the announcement and it appears that there was unauthorized contact with a staff person at CenterPoint. The GSU administration is working to resolve this matter, and administration does not intend that this community service take place.

Provost Allison ended his report with an introduction of Associate Provost Angela Latham.

2. *Approval of April 2012 Faculty Senate meeting minutes* – Senator J. Klomes made the motion to approve; seconded by Senator M. Marion. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. *Faculty Reports:*

Educational Policy Committee – E. Essex presented the two policies to be considered (Policy 60 and Policy 16).

Essex noted that *Policy 60 Undergraduate Minors* had been approved by the Faculty Senate in 2004, but it was never approved by administration. In order to align catalog and policy, EPC was asked to review the policy. EPC looked at the 2004 policy and recommends two changes: (1) an additional requirement that minors consist of a minimum 18 credit hours. Senator Winicki noted that she had checked, and there are no existing GSU minors with fewer than 18 hours required. (2) $\frac{1}{2}$, rather than $\frac{1}{3}$ as stated in the 2004 version of Policy 60, of credits must be earned at GSU; this matches the current catalog statement regarding minors. Motion to approve the policy was made by Senator Klomes; seconded by Senator Marion. The policy was approved by unanimous voice vote. Essex provided a brief history of *Policy 16 Graduate Studies*. She stated that it had been revised last year, approved by the Faculty Senate in September 2011, but administration has not approved the revision because of one section on 500/5000 level courses. The proposed definition of this level course is:

“5000 level courses are designed to introduce graduate students and advanced undergraduate students to fields of study above the undergraduate level. All work and competencies are at the graduate level. To register for a 5000 level course, undergraduates must meet the course prerequisites and obtain appropriate faculty and administrative permission. 5000 level courses may only be used for elective credit at the undergraduate or graduate level.”

The key changes, Essex noted, are that these are now graduate courses and may be used only for elective credit. In addition, the 5000 level was added to the list of course levels to be taught by faculty qualified to teach at the graduate level. Senator Henne raised a question about the exception clause regarding qualifications for graduate faculty. After a brief discussion, the senators present agreed that it is faculty within each program and each college that must monitor the use of this exception clause. The exceptions should not become the rule.

Senator Marion made the motion to approve Policy 16; Senator Tian seconded. The policy was approved by unanimous voice vote.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee – A written report was received from A. Shekib.(See attached.)

University Curriculum Committee -- No report.

Academic Program Review Committee – APRC Chair Gandy told Senator Winicki that APRC is still waiting for the Profiles of Academic Majors report needed for annual program reviews. Provost Allison stated that he will look into this.

Graduate Studies Council -- Senator C. Tymkow stated that she had nothing new to report.

Executive Committee

Faculty Senate President Muhammad started her report by thanking all retiring faculty members. She read a list of their names and offered special thanks to long-time Senate member W. Rudloff.

President Muhammad next read the updated roster for Faculty Senate and for committees. She noted that ballots for the contested positions are due on Friday, May 20. The new roster will be posted when the winners for contested positions are determined. President Muhammad stated that there are still five vacancies on UCC and five vacancies on EPC. She said that there will be a call for more nominations later this summer.

There was a brief discussion about the need for clarification on the difference between Senate standing committees and committees for which the Senate conducts elections but are not Senate standing committees. Another brief discussion focused on the Board of Trustees subcommittees and the fact that these committees have not been meeting, even though the Senate has representatives named to these subcommittees. This has eliminated faculty input.

Provost Allison and Associate Provost Latham left the meeting at 1:55.

4. *Bargaining Unit*

M. Katz reported that elections have been held and the new GSU UPI President is Elizabeth Ruiz. M. Katz will serve as Grievance Office through the summer; the current union president's term extends through the end of August.

M. Katz emphasized the importance of the pending pension reforms; these changes will affect everyone, not only union members.

Regarding the CUE Guidelines Committee, M. Katz and S. Estep reported that Peggy Woodard has promised that this work will be completed before she leaves. Katz stated the "ball is in their court"; UPI/faculty submitted a written proposal.

Faculty Senate meeting during summer term – Senator Klomes made the motion that no full Senate meetings will be held during June and July because the ten-month contract often results in

lack of quorum for meetings during these months; Senator Henne seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. *Call for Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. for Consultant's Report*

Three tenured non-Senators requested and were granted permission to remain.

The consultant to the Senate, Jorge Tiede, presented his findings. His presentation focused on ten recommendations and how to move forward with the recommendations. There were comments and questions from senators throughout.

At the end of Dr. Tiede's presentation, those Senators who were still in attendance discussed the possibility of a special Senate meeting in June.

6. Adjournment: 3:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: McGee Hall of Honors, date to be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Winicki
Faculty Senate Secretary

Attachment:

IBHE Faculty Advisory Board Report

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

REPORT TO THE GSU SENATE

FAC MEETING, APRIL 10, 2012

TRUMAN COLLEGE, CHICAGO ILLINOIS

The FAC of the Illinois Board of Higher Education Meeting was held on Friday, APRIL 10, 2012, on the campus of Truman College, Chicago, Illinois. Following, please find a brief report regarding the work of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Abbas Aminmansour, Chair, and Faculty Advisory Council at 8:30 AM, and thanked the representative of Truman College for his role in hosting the meeting.

Chair's Report: Abbas stated that the FAC's general statement about faculty participation in decision-making, passed at the March meeting has been positively received in Springfield.

Staff Report: Ocheng reported on several vacancies that have been posted at the IBHE Website. He indicated that the last FAC meeting for this academic year would be held in June at the Blackhawk College.

Plans for today's Board Meeting: Abbas began the discussion of what the FAC wanted to discuss with IBHE today. A lengthy discussion ensued. The following action items were discussed:

1. MAP funding, in terms of both quantity and allocation policies;
2. College readiness.
3. The question of the role of for-profit institutions from out of state.
4. The issue of educational quality as opposed to quantity, particularly with respect to Performance Based Funding.
5. Accountability for the goals of the Public Agenda.
6. The idea of creating faculty fellowships at the IBHE, similar to the national Jefferson Fellowships.

Priorities for FAC Activities in 2012: The above-mentioned list is appropriate for FAC Activities in 2012. In addition, the appropriateness of regarding universities as businesses needs to be addressed by FAC. The value of college education beyond its marketplace was added to the list of priorities. It was suggested that FAC meet with the editorial board of Chicago Tribune. FAC needs to provide papers to Higher Education Finance Committee of the Legislature. We need to continue to advocate for higher education, including funding, and reach out to legislators.

Action Items for FAC in 2012: The FAC agreed on the following key action items:

1. Funding, particularly the 5.29% cut: what it would mean, putting a face on it, and showing what it means.
2. Quality: what it means, how to measure it, and why it's important. How to communicate the notion of quality to the legislature and others.
3. Advocacy for higher education across key groups: legislature and business. In doing so, we need to recognize the limitations of the business model.

Business Meeting:

- 1 The minutes from Marsh meeting were approved.
2. Election Committee: For the May meeting, we should have a slate, and could possibly hold the election that day.

Following lunch with IBHE members, FAC meeting was adjourned. FAC members then attended IBHE April Board meeting.

Next meeting, May 18th, at SIU University, Carbondale, Ill.

Respectfully Submitted,

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