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Dr. Terry Allison Named as Provost

On Wednesday, January 6, President Maimon announced that Dr. Terry L. Allison has been named as the next Provost of Governors State University. Dr. Allison will join the GSU staff in early July. Dr. Maimon noted, “As a result of an exemplary search, we have attracted a first rate academic leader to join us. I look forward to a smooth transition and to working with Terry for many years to come.”

With nineteen years experience and multiple leadership roles at two California State University campuses, Dr. Allison is exceptionally qualified for the Provost's position at GSU. Upon his appointment, Dr. Allison said, “I am so pleased that the Provost Search Committee as well as President Maimon and her management team have placed confidence in me to serve as Provost during the next phase of GSU’s growth. I look forward to working with the GSU university community to expand access to high quality education in the region the campus serves. If you watched the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year’s Day, you know I’ll miss California weather. But having lived in New York City and the Los Angeles area, I look forward to enjoying all that America’s Second City and the surrounding area have to offer.”

Allison is currently Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at California State University, Los Angeles, and previously served as a faculty member and administrator at California State University, San Marcos. At both universities, he has consistently demonstrated a commitment to academically rigorous, innovative programs to serve first-generation college students. Dr. Allison brings a transparent and collegial leadership style to GSU, as well as innovative thinking and a history of creative strategic planning and program building in a wide variety of subject areas to serve working and underserved students.

Dr. David Curtis, who will continue to serve as GSU’s Interim Provost until Dr. Allison’s arrival said, “I am confident in our selection of Dr. Allison. His breadth of experience, especially with underserved populations, will allow him to help the university successfully achieve the goals set forth in Strategy 2015. I look forward to working with him closely during his transition to GSU.”

A Ph.D. in Literature from the University of California, San Diego, Dr. Allison is an active author, editor, and grant writer. He is particularly proud of the Quinceanera Project, which motivates fifteen-year-old Latina students to complete high school and attend California State University, San Marcos. He wrote a successful US Department of Education Title IIIA grant proposal to start health and human services programs at Cal State San Marcos. At Cal State LA he worked to launch new programs in Korean and an interdisciplinary MFA in Television, Film, and Theatre.

The Provost Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Curtis and assisted by Dr. Jamie Ferrare of Academic Search, Inc., reviewed 78 applications, exercised excellent judgment in selecting semi-finalists, and took the lead in organizing campus visits for the two finalists. According to search committee member Dr. Chip Coldren, “Dr. Allison brings breadth and depth of experience to Governors State University. I expect he will hit the ground
running and make positive contributions to the future development of our university. I have trust and confidence in him.”

**Campaign Comes to a Close**

Thanks to the many members of the GSU community who helped make the 2009 Campus Community Campaign a giant success, raising nearly $75,000.

The end of the campaign will be celebrated with a special event open to the entire campus community on Thursday, January 14, at noon, in the Cafeteria. A special volunteer recognition will take place and prizes will be awarded to several lucky winners, so bring your drawing ticket numbers. Prizes include:

- Grand Prize – Designated parking spot in lot of winner’s choosing for one year
- 1st Prize – One year member to the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center, includes a GSU Spirit Pack (t-shirt, mug, banner, lunch for a week in the cafeteria, and other misc. GSU items)
- 2nd Prize – Overnight hotel accommodations at the Matteson Holiday Inn; 2 tickets to The Millers at The Center for Performing Arts; and dinner for two at Scrementi’s in Steger
- 3rd Prize – Overnight hotel accommodations at the Empress Casino in Joliet and a certificate for two to the buffet
- Additional Prizes - Guest passes for two at the East Bank Club; A $50 gift card towards a meal at Maxwell’s; Cooper’s Hawk wine tasting for ten; and lots of theater tickets.

Don’t miss it!

**In the Know About the Snow**

The GSU community is reminded that emergency campus closures due to inclement weather will be communicated via:

1. GSU website homepage
2. GSU website emergency info page
3. Campus wide e-mail sent to faculty/staff e-mail and student iMail addresses
4. School Messenger alert system – per your personal contact preferences
5. WGN Emergency Closing Center website (www.emergencyclosingcenter.com), WGN TV news, WGN 720 AM radio

Students, faculty, and staff are asked to check these sources to determine if there is a campus closure and should NOT contact the Department of Public Safety with basic closure inquiries.
**Who’s Who in Delta Mu**

Thirty-eight business students were installed recently as the inaugural class of GSU’s newly-organized chapter of Delta Mu Delta, an international honor society that recognizes scholastic achievement in business.

Elizabeth Rene Green is president of Lambda Delta chapter. Other officers are Kelly N. Legner, vice president; Ashleigh Nicole Hostert, secretary; and Felisha Chivon Parker, treasurer.

Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, gave the welcoming address at the ceremony. Honorary inductees included Mary Fote, of Bimba Manufacturing Company; Joseph Christofanelli, of Ernst & Young LLP; Dr. Leon Finney Jr., of Metropolitan Apostolic Community Church; and Dr. T.J. Wang, of the College of Business and Public Administration. Dr. Finney, pastor of the Chicago church and a longtime community organizer, was keynote speaker.

Delta Mu Delta, with more than 200 chapters at accredited business schools in the United States and abroad, promotes higher scholarship in training for business and recognizes scholastic achievement in business subjects.

To be eligible for membership, the academic ranking of business students under consideration must place them in the upper 20 percent or higher in their respective classes. Juniors, seniors, and graduate students are eligible for membership. While more than 600,000 students worldwide receive business degrees each year, less than 10 percent are elected to membership in Delta Mu Delta.

**Sing With the Stars**

Have you ever dreamed of being a Broadway star? GSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to audition for a singing role in Neil Berg’s 100 Years of Broadway at The Center for Performing Arts. Watch the GSU View, campus monitors, and bulletin boards for details in the coming weeks. See the CPA box office staff for more information.

**Mileage Reimbursement Rate Decrease**

Effective January 1, 2010, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has reduced the mileage reimbursement rate for the use of vehicles in the conduct of official business to $0.50 per mile.

According to Illinois Higher Education Travel Control Board rules, GSU must reduce the mileage reimbursement rate accordingly. Effective January 1, 2010, any mileage reimbursement claims for travel occurring on or after this date will be reimbursed at $0.50 per mile.
An updated travel voucher is located online. For more information, email GSU travel or call ext. 7411.

**GSU Celebrates King**

Student Life is hosting a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday on January 11, from 10 to 11 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. A free program of inspiration, music, and dance will touch on the themes and issues championed by Dr. King. The Honorable Al Riley, State Representative, 38th District, will speak on the theme of *Making the Dream a Reality*.

Participants in the program also include Dr. Elaine Maimon, President; Dr. Sherilyn Poole, Associate V.P. Student Affairs; Dartina Dunlap, graduate student and member of the GSU Black Student Union; Keith Briggs, Facilities Development & Management; Cynthia Jackson, Instructor, Bloom Township; Mama Africa & the Malfric Dance Ensemble; Eric Prince; and Cynthia Jackson.

This event is free and open to the public. Students from area middle and elementary schools will also attend.

**Meet the Friends**

GSU Friends of the Library will hold their first meeting of 2010 on Wednesday, January 13, at noon, in the Library Conference Room. New members, old members, and interested visitors are welcome.

**Secretary of State Mobile Service Unit**

The Secretary of State’s Mobile Service Unit will be at GSU again on Tuesday, January 12, from 1:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Services available at the mobile service unit include driver’s license renewal, replacement, and corrections; State ID card renewal, replacement, and corrections; vehicle sticker sales; passenger and b-truck license plates, vehicle title and registration, parking placards for persons with disabilities; and organ/tissue donor information. In addition, vision tests and the written driver’s license exam can be taken. No driving tests will be given.

Customers may also purchase vehicle registration renewal stickers for license plates, passenger vehicle license plates, and B-Trail plates. The services provided are available to all qualified Illinois residents. State law allows driver’s license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver’s licenses and state ID cards. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cash, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards.
For information and a complete list of acceptable forms of identification, call 708.534.4550 or visit the Mobile Service Unit website.

**It’s All Ours**

The Art Institute of Chicago recently donated Clement Meadmore’s 1971 work, *Spiral*, to the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. The gift formalizes the presence of a significant work which has graced the university’s north entrance since 1984.

“The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is deeply appreciative of the generosity demonstrated by the Art Institute of Chicago and the confidence which they have placed in our revitalized organization,” commented director and curator Geoffrey Bates. “*Spiral* is a quintessential example of Meadmore’s approach to sculpture. We are very pleased that we can now call *Spiral* a part of our already distinguished collection.”

"There is a terrific history of collaboration and support between the Art Institute of Chicago and the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park,” offered James Rondeau, Curator and Frances and Thomas Dittmer Chair, Department of Contemporary Art at the Art Institute of Chicago. “The Sculpture Park is the perfect setting for this important piece, and we are gratified that it will be cared for and seen in beautiful natural surroundings to its very best advantage.”

*Spiral* is one of 26 sculptures on display. The park is open from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. Scheduled tours are also available. For more information, visit the park website or call ext. 4486.

**Application Deadline on the Horizon**

Applications for the Winter 2010 trimester Civil Service Scholarships are being accepted until January 22. Applicants must be registered for three credit hours and either be an employed civil servant at GSU or a spouse or dependent child of an employed member of the GSU Civil Service.

Four awards of $250 each will be awarded. Contact Senatha Jenkins at ext. 4484 for more information.

**Inquisitive Minds**

The Anita M. Stone JCC, with the cooperation of GSU, will offer T.A.L.E. (The Adult Learning Exchange) enrichment classes for adults on campus this winter. The classes will be held on Fridays from January 15 through March 5. Morning sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon and afternoon sessions are from 1 to 3 p.m.

Morning classes include *The History of Britain (Part I)*, which uses on the acclaimed film series *A History of Britain* to focus the discussion, and *Best of the Fests- You Decide!*, which looks at both the winners and losers from major film festivals. Afternoon classes include *Socrates Café*, which uses the Socratic Seminar Method to answer some of life’s most important questions. *Great Decisions* uses text from the Foreign Policy Association to enhance understanding of current international issues and events.

Discounts are offered for multiple class registration. For more information, call 708.794.1021. Registration is available online.
**Course Information Online**

Every section of every course is available for faculty to post instructional materials, course syllabi, and links to online readings and resources. Faculty may access this system by going to www.govst.edu/elearning and logging in using GSU username and password (the same used for email).

Students will not be able to see Winter 2010 courses until the first day of classes, January 11, but instructors have access to the website and integrated tools to help create a high quality learning environment today.

Visit the eLearning website for helpful tutorials and how-to guides.

**Grants of the New Year**

Submission of new, renewal, resubmission or revision applications for National Institutes of Health grants on or after January 25, 2010 are required to use the new forms.

The new forms may be accessed at the National Institutes of Health website.

**Proposed Revisions to Regulations**

At the last meeting the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Trustees, proposed revisions to the Regulations of the Board of Trustees related to Human Resources were presented for a first reading. The proposed revisions are now posted on the Board of Trustees bulletin boards and on the GSU website. Copies of the document are also available at the circulation desk in the GSU Library.

Review of the proposed revisions and comments or questions for consideration by the Board of Trustees are welcome. Please send any written comments on this matter to the University General Counsel Alexis Kennedy via e-mail or to room G364.

The proposed revisions to the regulations will be considered for adoption by the Board at its meeting in February 2010 or thereafter.