New Trustees

Governor Pat Quinn recently announced the appointment of two new members to the GSU Board of Trustees and the reappointment of veteran trustee Jack Beaupre of Bourbonnais. The two new trustees are Brian Mitchell of Flossmoor and Eileen Durkin of Chicago.

Mitchell is the Chief Administrative Officer of the village of Matteson. He was previously a manager for the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources and program director for PSI Services.

Durkin has been president and chief executive officer of Neumann Family Services since 2000. She was previously executive director of the Howard Brown Health Center.

Beaupre, a former member of the Illinois House Representatives, has served on the GSU board since 2000.

2011-12 PBAC Membership

The members of the 2011-2012 Planning and Budget Advisory Council (PBAC) were announced today in a memo from Dr. Maimon. PBAC’s work on next year’s planning and budgetary process and fee structure begins at its first meeting on November 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

View Dr. Maimon’s memo.

President Maimon Elected to AASCU Board

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). Dr. Maimon, GSU’s President since 2007, will serve on the AASCU Board from 2012 to 2015. She will join other college and university leaders from across the United States on the board.
AASCU, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2011, is a Washington-based higher education association of nearly 420 public colleges, universities, and higher education systems. Its members share a culture of learning and teaching, a historic commitment to underserved student populations, and creativity that advances their regions’ economic progress and cultural development.

Dr. Maimon said Governors State University shares many of the goals that AASCU pursues on a national basis. “I am honored to be elected by my presidential peers to this national board,” she said. “AASCU in its representation of regional public universities promotes the work that we do at Governors State University. Our concept of the university as a public square is a further development of the AASCU concept of ‘stewards of place.’ My leadership role in AASCU will help promote GSU as a model 21st century university.”

Freshman Initiative Gains Support

Support is growing for GSU’s plan to admit freshman and sophomore students to the university. In recent weeks, the proposal has been endorsed by the Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Civil Service Senate, and Village of University Park.

“The initiative of accepting freshmen to GSU is important to the development of the university within the region,” said Student Senate President Lisa Wallace. “It will enhance our outreach, academic program, and economic growth, which will allow us to offer diverse educational options to students. GSU is predicated on the premise that we offer a quality education at an affordable price, and this allows us to continue forward with that paradigm on a larger scale.” The Student Senate adopted a resolution supporting the freshman initiative on Sept. 20.

University Park Village Board members unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the proposal at their September 27 meeting. Mayor Vivian Covington signed the document. University Park’s resolution calls the freshman initiative “the next logical step in fulfilling the Illinois Public Agenda, which calls for state educational institutions to offer a variety of affordable, high quality options that lead to success for Illinois students.” Admitting freshmen at GSU, and also offering on-campus housing, will bring more quality educational opportunities to all communities located in the Southland, the region, and the state, the resolution states.

GSU’s regional community college partners have also lent their support to the initiative. In a letter sent to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Dr. Eric Radtke, President of Prairie State College, stated “I am confident that Governors State will become a stronger institution, and we look forward to continuing our long history of partnership and collaboration in service
to our students and community.”

GSU is the only exclusively upper division public university in the Midwest, and one of only five in the U.S. Under GSU’s proposal, a cohort of 270 freshman students will be admitted in Fall 2014. After a few years, GSU is likely to have a maximum of 1,000 freshmen and sophomores. The Illinois Board of Higher Education is expected to vote on GSU’s freshman initiative in December.

**GSU Phi Alpha Students Give Back**

Members and perspective members of the social work national honors society, Phi Alpha, volunteered at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Chicago. The GSU students assisted staff during the church’s meal service program by helping prepare and serve the food.

The students enjoyed their volunteer work and were glad to have the opportunity to give back to the community. Their participation was greatly appreciated by Pastor Leslie Sanders who told them he was excited to have so many social workers in his midst. The Phi Alpha members also had the opportunity to meet with State Representative Esther Golar (D – 6th District).

**Reception After Ailey II**

The Visual Arts Gallery at GSU is the place to be on Friday, October 28, after the Ailey II dance performance at the Center for Performing Arts. The Gallery will host a reception for the performers and audience members and visitors are welcome to join the fun.

The reception begins immediately following the performance, around 10 p.m. There will be a cash bar and complimentary refreshments.

While at the reception, you can enjoy the gallery’s current exhibit, “Ways of Making: Work on Paper.” The exhibit features the work of Michelle Grabner, Zachary Davis Mory, Allison Svoboda and Matthew Woodward who create primary and significant work using paper. The exhibit continues through November 11.

**Campus Community Campaign Raffle Winner**

The first winner in the weekly Campus Community Campaign raffle is Christa Mitchell of the Family Development Center.
Christa’s raffle ticket was selected at random. She and a guest will enjoy two tickets to Alvin Ailey II on Friday, October 28, at 8 p.m., at the Center for Performing Arts.

During the Campus Community Campaign, Institutional Advancement will draw a ticket from the Campaign raffle bowl. Each weekly winner receives two free tickets at a Center for Performing Arts performance.

Remember to see your Campus Community Campaign volunteer for your raffle ticket or stop by the Development Office. In addition to providing raffle tickets, the volunteers can also help guide you through the easy Campus Community Campaign donation process. Each donation to the campaign is another step toward helping our students attain their educational goals and the university fulfill its mission.

Campus Community Campaign volunteers are Ayita Woods, Human Resources; Kathleen Miller, Institutional Research and Provost’s Office; Victoria Lloyd, Digital Learning and Media Design; Christine Hefner, Family Development Center; Sheryl Jones-Harper, Business Office; Collice King, Admissions and Financial Aid; Adrienne Gray, Public Safety; Marge Stanko, Procurement; Jessica Specht, Student Affairs and Support Services; Mary Hession, College of Education; Renee Rainey, GSU Library; Pat Thompson, College of Business and Public Affairs; and Lori Townsend, College of Arts and Sciences.

For more information on Campus Community Campaign, contact Jackie Small at ext. 2188.

**Debates on Campus and in Competition**

The GSU Forensics team will compete in their first tournament of the season on November 5 and 6 at Bradley University. Team members representing GSU are Favian Apata in prose, Etta Oben in Communication Analysis, and Josh Reinhardt in poetry.

The team will also conducting a Lincoln-Douglas style debate on November 16, at 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The topic "Should Governors Statue University Become a Four Year Institution?" will be debated by team members Daniel Christain and Etta Oben arguing for the affirmative; and Favian Apata and Josh Reinhardt responding for the negative.

Everyone is welcome to attend the debate and hear the pros and cons related to this important GSU issue.

**Women Vet’s Retreat**

GSU and the Chicago Heights Vets Center are sponsoring Healthy Mind
Plus Healthy Body Equals A Healthy Life. Women service members, veterans, and wives of veterans are invited to a woman’s only health and wellness retreat. Guest speakers will discuss healthy and practical ways to improve health and outlook. Classes will be offered in yoga, tai chi, Zumba, Pilates, and belly and Latin dancing.

There is no charge. The retreat takes place on November 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at GSU. Participants are asked to bring their DD Form 214 or veteran or military ID card, to wear comfortable workout clothes, and bring a yoga mat and belly dance scarf.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Renee Dickerson at 708.754.0340.

**SVA Meetings**

The Student Veterans Association will meet on November 2 and 16, at 3:30, in the Cafeteria Annex. All veterans, active duty, and family members are welcome.

**Scholarship Spotlight - Faye Parker**

Faye Parker of Maywood received the Criminal Justice Student Society Scholarship. Faye is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences Criminal Justice program.

Faye is currently Executive Director of Fresh Start Intervention, a charitable organization she founded created that assists youth and young adults in unstable surroundings.

**Open House on CBPA Graduate Programs**

CBPA is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, November 12, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Faculty, advisors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to discuss master’s degree programs in accounting, business administration (MBA), management information systems, and public administration. Participants will also be able to apply for program admission. Campus tours will be offered and breakfast will be served.

The free event is open to the public. For more information or to RSVP please call 708.534.4391 or e-mail BPAINFO@govst.edu.

**Extons in Gospel Choir Competition**

GSU’s own Vanyette and Marlin Exton are en route
to Los Angeles to compete with their choir in the national “How Sweet the Sound” finale. The competition, sponsored by Verizon, seeks the best gospel choir in the nation.

The Extons are members of the Lighthouse Church of All Nations choir, which won the Best Large Choir and was the Verizon People’s Choice Winner at the regional competition held in Chicago in September.

Tomorrow night, with Vanyette singing with the choir and Marlin on keyboard, they will compete for the championship against other regional winners.

Vanyette works in the nursing department and Marlin is a member of the facilities staff.

Good Luck, Vanyette and Marlin!

View the video of the choir competing in Chicago.