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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes, October 16, 2003**

Senators Present: Michael Dimitroff, Mercedes Graf, Maribeth Kasik, Rashidah Muhammad, Jeannine Klomes, Gary Lyon, Catherine Brady, Dalsang Chung, Winfried Rudloff, Jagan Lingamneni, George Garrett, Catherine Tymkow, Jay Shen, Adelle Sanders, Gary Cook, Bruce Wilson, Emmanuel Alozie, Beth Hansen-Shaw, Nancy Shlaes

Guests: Colleen Rock Cawthon, Becky Wojniak, Marsha Katz, Lisa Hendrickson

Dimitroff called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Kasik moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2003 meeting. Muhammad seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority voice vote (2, abstain).

Old Business

Muhammad moved to approve the proposed, revised bylaws. Kasik seconded the motion. A Senator stated that he felt 20 days notice had not been given to the new Senators who were elected in the special election; therefore, the motion was invalid. One of the “new” Senators responded that she is not new to the Senate; she is just starting a new term. The by-law changes were sent to all faculty, not just seated Senators; therefore, all faculty had a chance to review the revisions.

Lingamneni moved to table the vote on the revised by-laws in the absence of new Faculty Senate officers and stated that Dimitroff had no authority to act as president; the first order of business should be election of officers; and the agenda was not sent timely—the by-laws state that the agenda must be sent 48 hours before the meeting. Wilson seconded the motion. The Parliamentarian stated that Dimitroff is acting on the authority given him at the last Senate meeting to continue as President for another month. Dimitroff responded that the Executive Committee set the agenda. The Parliamentarian added that there is no violation of the constitution or existing bylaws. A Senator commented that the whole intention of approving the revised bylaws is to move forward. The revisions have been discussed and reviewed for months. The motion to table the motion to approve the revised by-laws was called to question by Dimitroff. The motion failed (2, yes; 8, no; 8, abstain).

Dimitroff called to question the motion approving the revised by-laws. The motion was approved (8, yes; 10, abstain). There was a point of clarification: does “present and voting” include those who abstain? The Parliamentarian stated that the bylaws state that Robert’s Rules be followed in all cases where “applicable or not inconsistent with the Constitution and/or with these Bylaws.” Robert’s Rules indicate that abstentions do not count as votes. Abstentions yield to the vote. It was suggested that after the election of officers, an ad hoc committee be appointed to review and revise the language (specifically, clarify what “a majority of members present and voting” means) in the bylaws, as needed.

Election of Senate Officers (Dimitroff and Lyon)

Dimitroff requested that Lyon preside over the election for president. Lyon requested nominations for president. Kasik nominated Michael Dimitroff for president. Muhammad and Rudloff seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The nominations for president were closed. Dimitroff was approved as the 03-05 Faculty Senate President by acclamation (1, abstain).

Dimitroff thanked the Senate for their vote of confidence in electing him as president. He requested nominations for vice president. Shlaes nominated MariEllen Leverage for vice president. Graf seconded the nomination. Lyon was nominated, but he declined the nomination. There were no other nominations. The nominations for vice president were closed. Leverage was approved as the 03-05 Faculty Senate Vice President by acclamation (1, abstain)

Dimitroff requested nominations for secretary. Klomes nominated Gary Lyon for secretary. Brady seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The nominations for secretary were closed. Lyon was approved as the 03-05 Faculty Senate Secretary by acclamation (1, abstain).

Dimitroff requested that the faculty members caucus, by college and UL/CELCS/SAS, to select representatives to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC). The meeting resumed, and the representatives from each college/unit are: Rashidah Muhammad, CAS; Catherine Brady, CHP; Linda Proudfit, COE; Gary Cook, BPA; and Nancy Shlaes, UL/CELCS/SAS. Maribeth Kasik volunteered to continue as Parliamentarian for 03-04; Dimitroff so appointed her. There was no objection by the Senate.

Reports

Administration (Keys)

There was no report from the Provost. Dimitroff stated that he asked the Provost to summarize the speech he gave at Convocation to present at the next meeting.

University Curriculum Committee (UCC) (Muhammad)

Muhammad distributed the UCC report and stated that UCC will accept submissions for the AY 04-05 catalog until October 31. The UCC updated the Brief Syllabus Format and will submit the changes to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for approval. The Brief Syllabus Format is online at <http://www.govst.edu/users/gprovost/documents/faculty-handbook/brief-syllabus-format.doc> . The UL/CELCS/SAS seat on the UCC is still vacant. If anyone is interested in serving, contact Muhammad.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (IBHE FAC) (Kasik)

Kasik stated that the October meeting with IBHE was very intense. The FAC met with Board members and listened to Chair Kaplan. The IBHE is serious about documenting and increasing faculty productivity while decreasing overall costs. Kaplan kept asking how faculty can be more productive, generate more savings, etc. He and other Board members stated that IBHE is not a “cheerleader” for faculty. He asked what kind of data could be produced that would convince the Governor not make additional cuts in higher education. At this point, higher education is not being looked at very favorably—not being held in high regard. They are looking for results that indicate quality and also measure productivity—they are using a business model instead of an academic model. Kaplan will

meet with the FAC again on December 9 and he wants data—credit hour studies, productivity studies, research/service activities, etc. If the faculty members have any productivity-type activities that could be included in the report, e-mail the information to Kasik. IBHE is using the PQP language again. Kasik read a letter from LaVista. One Senator stated that we are “producing” good quality students, research papers, and service—how does one quantify those? A CHP Senator cautioned that something similar happened in health care; this issue should be taken very seriously.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Lingamneni)

There was no report.

University Assessment Committee (UAC) (Wojcik)

There was no report.

Educational Policies Committee (EPC) (Diers)

There was no report.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)

There was no report.

Announcement

Dimitroff announced that H. Heino resigned from the Senate and Senate committees.

Adjournment

Lyon moved to adjourn. Wilson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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