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### **Governors State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes - February 15, 2008**

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**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Friday, February 15, 2008 Meeting**

**Call to Order**

Chair Mayer called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors, Governors State University. Committee member Bruce Friefeld was present. Committee member Jack Beaupre was absent. The following Trustees were also present: Lorine Samuels, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Kathleen Field Orr, and Elizabeth Green. Yvette Brown and Dianne Galante, faculty representatives to the committee, were also present.

Others present: Elaine Maimon, President; Gebe Ejigu, Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff; Peggy Woodard, Interim Provost; Joe Addison, Acting Associate Provost; Sandra Mayfield, Assistant Provost; Colleen Rock, Director Management Support and Analysis; Alexis Kennedy, General Counsel; Kathy Miller, President of the Civil Service Senate; Penny Perdue, Executive Assistant to the President; and Joan Johns, Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff.

**Executive Session**

Chair Mayer asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. Friefeld made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mayer seconded the motion. The committee went into Executive Session. The committee returned from Executive Session at 12:00 p.m. Mayer asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Session. Friefeld made a motion to return from Executive Session. Mayer seconded the motion.

**Action items**

**Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2007 Academic Affairs Committee Meeting**

Discussion: The Call to Order is to be amended to include Trustee DeLaurentiis under the list of "Trustees present" and stricken from the list of "Others present." The Minutes will be amended. Friefeld made a motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of Honorary Degree Nominees--Resolution 08-26**

Friefeld moved that the committee recommend that the full Board approve *Resolution 08-26: Approval of Honorary Degree Nominees* and include it on the consent agenda. DeLaurentiis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Information items**

**Program Accreditation Status Update**

Assistant Provost Mayfield provided an update. The updated table, including the revised program review schedule, was included in the agenda packet. Mayfield stated the Communications Disorders graduate program is expected to receive reaccreditation in the Spring of 2008. The Health

Administration graduate program's site visit took place in December 2007. The site visitor's draft report was received for verification of accuracy before it goes to the full accrediting body. The program expects to receive a full six-year reaccreditation. The nursing graduate program will submit a substantive change notification by April 2008 to the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission to describe its relationship to the new nursing of doctoral program and the existing programs. The Nursing Doctorate Program will submit an application for candidacy as soon as the HLC Focus Visit scheduled for March 31-April 1 is completed. The Math Education program was started in January 2008, and ISBE and its state teacher's certification board gave conditional approval to the program through 2010. Through the state's approval the program also has one year to complete the accreditation process by its specialized professional program association, The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Friefeld asked for a reporting of which programs have an accrediting body and those that do not, and when reaccreditation is due. Woodard stated that would be provided at the next meeting. She explained that programs that do not have an accrediting body are reviewed by an outside consulting firm.

### **Report on Sabbatical Application Requests – Fall 2008 through Spring/Summer 2009**

Woodard reported on the sabbatical requests, which are summarized in the agenda packet. She reported there is a Sabbatical Committee made up of faculty that review them and make recommendations to the President. This year there were seven applications. All seven were approved, but one person withdrew his application. The President makes the final decision. DeLaurentiis reports in the past the University hosted a luncheon for the sabbaticals upon their return to welcome them back and to obtain an update on their sabbatical work. Mayer asked about the guidelines for sabbatical requests. She would like the applicants to provide greater emphasis in their applications on how their sabbatical is going to benefit the University when they return.

### **Proposed Program Changes – transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (t-DPT)**

Mayfield reported the t-DPT has been presented as a RAMER (Reasonable and Moderate Extension Request) and has been approved by all the appropriate committees at the University. It was a very well written document. DeLaurentiis asked if it needed to go before the IBHE Board. Mayfield stated it did not. The staff at IBHE will approve it, but not the Board, because it is an information item and is not classified as a new program.

### **Preview of Future Agenda Items**

Samuels requested a report on off-campus sites at the April 18, 2008 meeting. Woodard stated they were awaiting recommendations from the consulting group and that the report would be presented at the next meeting.

DeLaurentiis, GSU alum, reported that one of her professors, Dr. Ed Miller, had recently passed away. She would like the Academic Affairs Committee to look into a form of recognition for contributions made to the University. Maimon stated there is something called a "Memorial Minute" that many universities do and she will look into that.

### **Public Comment Period**

Consistent with Public Act 91-0715 and reasonable constraints determined by the Board of Trustees, members of the public may request a brief time on the approved agenda of the meetings to address the Board or its committees on relevant matters within its jurisdiction. Chair Mayer asked if there was any Public Comment. No request for Public Comment was made.

**Adjournment**

Chair Mayer requested a motion to adjourn. Friefeld moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Johns