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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes May 15, 2008

Senators (Present = X):

<u> </u> E. Alozie	<u> X </u> T. Kelly	<u> X </u> L. Proudfit
<u> X </u> P. Blobaum	<u> X </u> T. Kim	<u> </u> W. Rudloff
<u> X </u> M. Clark	<u> X </u> J. Klomes	<u> </u> A. Sanders
<u> X </u> E. Essex	<u> </u> N. Lu	<u> X </u> J. Simon
<u> X </u> P. Guimond	<u> X </u> G. Lyon	<u> </u> C. Tymkow
<u> </u> D. Green	<u> </u> C. Mietlicki	<u> X </u> E. Wignall
<u> </u> H. Heino	<u> X </u> R. Muhammad	<u> </u> B. Winicki
<u> X </u> M. Kasik	<u> </u> B. Parin	<u> X </u> J. Zhao

Guests: President Elaine Maimon, Provost Jane Rhoades Hudak, Executive V.P. “Gebe” Ejigu, Colleen Rock

1. Call to Order, Announcements, Introductions – President Blobaum

Call to Order at 1:05 p.m. There was a quorum.

2. Approval of minutes. Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

3. Administration Updates and Reports

President’s Update (Dr. Maimon)

Legislative: Capital budget is hopeful... there is no agreement on a revenue stream in Springfield.

Commencement: Commencement will continue to be at Tinley Park for this summer and winter. There isn’t another space option at this time that meets GSU’s commencement requirements. Jane Hudak and Joan Vaughan are going to establish a *conceptual-level commencement committee* to look at the possibility of moving commencement to campus by June 2009. The *implementation commencement committee* is working very hard to streamline the ceremony by having a more efficient line up as the graduates receive their diplomas and, possibly, conferring all the degrees at one time. The Honorary Degree Recipient for the June ceremony will be Warner Saunders. There will be a dinner in his honor the night before commencement. GSU faculty and students in cognate disciplines will be invited to the dinner. The Honorary Degree Committee needs to be reconstituted with more faculty.

Budget: The budget hearings will be held June 6 (academic affairs) and June 11 (administrative units), 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. They are open hearings and everyone is welcome. The administration will send the budget hearing schedules to the Senate.

Glossary: “**Transparency: openness about processes and procedures, but not seeking unanimity.**” The budget process was designed to be transparent. Unit heads are encouraged to

show leadership in managing resources and finding creative ways to reach goals with greater efficiency and effectiveness (collaboration, synergy, avoiding duplication of work). An example of managing resources more effectively and efficiently is the reorganization of technology services, which includes moving the SIDL advisors to admission. No resources were taken away as a result of the reorganization. **“Paralysis: unable to move forward.” “Cross-training: necessary for people to have a broad understanding of university programs.”**

Provost Update (Dr. Hudak)

GSU has a commitment to celebrating people’s successes, and the Provost would like to add another way to celebrate faculty successes—through the GSU View. If faculty members have successes they would like to celebrate and share, email the information to Jane Hudak. Maimon confirmed that Public Affairs needs to know the importance of what the faculty publish or present. A senator suggested that it might be helpful to have a CV template for faculty to use so that information submitted to the University would be similar in format.

There is an ongoing national search for the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR). Becky Nugent is the acting director. Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis accepted the position of Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, effective July 1, 2008. The administration is in the middle of negotiations for the position of dean of College of Education.

The administration is focusing on strengthening relationships with community colleges. Over the next few weeks, the focus will be on Prairie State, Moraine, and Joliet Junior colleges. Hudak and Poole are working on articulation agreements with community colleges.

Hudak will be distributing a survey to faculty to identify their interests in internationalization issues/initiatives.

As a result of the technology reorganization, the School of Interdisciplinary Learning (SIDL) will be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). The Interdisciplinary Studies Degree is an academic program and will now reside in an academic college. The only change will be in the leadership of the dean. The advising resources will be moved to Student Affairs and Academic Support (SAAS) so that they can be integrated with the full range of student services. This should help address the real, or perceived, deficiencies in undergraduate advising. Graduate advising will not change. Maimon confirmed that the irreplaceable role of faculty to advising has not changed; there are things that only faculty can do regarding academic judgment and mentoring.

Executive Vice President’s Update (Dr. Ejigu)

The two electronic signs need content. If anyone has suggestions about how to use the signs form effectively, email them to Joan Vaughan or Eric Matanyi.

The spring/summer enrollment is up 13%.

The second phase of bond financing is underway. GSU’s rating of A- has been reaffirmed. There will be significant construction activity this summer.

Gebe intends to visit with the deans to identify issues and listen to suggestions regarding quality and responsiveness in the institutional administrative areas and SAAS. He will ask the deans to consult with faculty, staff, and chairs in preparation for his visits.

Gebe plans to send a survey to all staff in each of his departments to get feedback on unit heads. He wants to know what the employees think about how each is leading his/her department. The results of the surveys should help address any issues of service quality and responsiveness. There will also be a survey sent to the University community and a random sampling of students. The survey will list functions and ask for feedback on service quality and responsiveness. The service needs of the community are important to address. He would like a response rate of at 45% percent. He intends to distribute the survey in October or November.

4. Faculty Reports

University Safety Committee Report (Gary Lyon)

Lyon reported that the Emergency Response Team (ERT) will host an information session and breakfast on Friday, May 16. The ERT invited representatives from local fire and police departments, as well as the GSU Safety Committee. Phones that did not work properly in the last emergency message test are being fixed.

UCC (Beth Parin)

No report.

APRC (APRC) (Adelle Sanders)

No report

Educational Policies Committee (Betsy Essex)

Adam Zagelbaum has resigned as the Chair of EPC. Kasik moved that Betsy Essex be Chair of the EPC. Wignall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Zhao moved that Yiyu Shen be appointed to the EPC to represent CBPA, due to the death of Z. Malik. Kasik seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Kasik moved that Kate Sori be appointed to the EPC to fill an At Large position, replacing S. Dermer. Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Graduate Studies Council (Jun Zhao)

Zhao reported that the council met on May 5 and debriefed about issues raised at the provost's retreat. The council is reviewing policies 16, 30, 33, 53, and 59. The council discussed the need for a graduate studies handbook

IBHE (Becky Wojcik)

No report.

Bargaining Unit (Marsha Katz)

No report

Executive Committee (Paul Blobaum)

Blobaum distributed a list of Senators, with the vacancies indicated. Nominations are due May 30. It was confirmed that for "at large" positions, any Unit A faculty member can sign the nomination form, but for those representing the colleges/academic units, signatures of the constituents should be secured. There is a PBAC committee chairs meeting scheduled in May. The issues of the terms of service for the PBAC committee and the participation of faculty on the committees will be discussed.

5. Other Business

Policy on Graduation Honors: Kasik moved to approved Policy 21, Honors Policy. Wignall seconded the motion. The Senate began discussion of the policy. Kasik moved to postpone the motion until the next Senate meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Announcement: Wignall announced that the Faculty Summer Institute is June 2 and 3. He encouraged everyone to participate.

6. Adjournment 2:50

Next Senate Meeting is June 19, 2008

Minutes recorded by C. Rock, edited by P. Blobaum

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