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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes September 18, 2008

Senators (Present = X):

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

Guests: President Elaine Maimon, Executive V.P. “Gebe” Ejigu, Provost Jane Rhoades Hudak, Colleen Rock, Marsha Katz, Raven James, Bonnie Simpson, Nicole Harrison, Maureen Bendoraitis

1. Call to Order – President Blobaum

Call to Order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Appointment of Nominees for Senate Vacancies

Five vacancies from May elections for Senators need to be filled. Positions have been filled by appointment in the past. After discussion, the Parliamentarian advised, based on a reading of the by-laws, that appointments could be made for the college senator vacancies, but a runoff election should be held for At-Large, due to having 4 self nominations but only 2 vacancies.

Three candidates were nominated by motion, second, and approved by unanimous vote: C. Luo in CBPA; B. Parin and W. Rudolph in CAS.

3. Appointment of Nominees to Faculty Senate Committees

Blobaum presented a slate of nominees to fill vacancies on APRC, UCC, and EPC:

APRC: J. Elder (at large), B. Wojcik (CHHS) M. Nguessan (UL/DLMD)
UCC: J. Simon (CBPA), M. Ellexson (at large). EPC: A. Tamulis (CBPA), C. Sori (CE), T. Jiles (at large)

A motion was entered, seconded, and passed to adopt the slate of candidates to fill the above Senate committee vacancies.

4. Approval of minutes.

Minutes from August were approved with the revision per the removal of the sentence pertaining to the 2009-2010 schedule since the administration has since revised the schedule.

5. Presentation-R25 (Class schedule software) Marge Godowic (IT), Bonnie Simpson (classroom scheduling) and Nicole Harrison (general use room scheduling)

Bonnie Simpson demonstrated the ability to utilize the calendar function from the website to announce events and list class scheduling. Faculty can call ext. 4515 for Nicole Harrison to enter information into the system. The Registrar will enter class information, room information, etc. Students have already said how appreciative they are at having this system that they can access from home or any computer anywhere. Emergency cancellations can be posted on it also. One senator asked about possibilities of customization, pushing the system one step up. We were told that they would explore possibilities. Questions should be directed to C. Rock.

Discussion ensued about tables vs. chairs in classrooms. Professors can articulate their preferences before the semester starts on the classroom/technology request form. When the question was raised about the previous conundrum regarding union complications about moving furniture in classrooms, Dr. Ejigu advised faculty to “do what is reasonable.” The new furniture is on wheels for ease of moving within classroom space, but when re-arrangement is made, furniture should be returned to its original position at the end of the class.

6. Administration Updates

- **President’s Update (Dr. Maimon)**
 - A larger space is needed for convocation, including the facilitation for Q&A.
 - Strategic alumni activities have been part of a coordinated outreach.
- **Provost’s Update (Dr. Hudak)**
 - Higher Learning Commission: Self-selected groups for committees, with A. Venderly and E. Martin as Co-Chairs
 - Criteria 1—mission
 - Criteria 2—preparing for the future
 - Criteria 3—student learning & effective teaching
 - Criteria 4—acquisition of knowledge
 - Criteria 5—engagement and service

- There are training sessions available. Current syllabi need to be given to the Division Chair or Dean, as well as current CVs. Those of Adjuncts are especially needed.
 - Community College partnerships: the goal is to have bachelor completion centers at each one, like the center that now exists in Kankakee. The new shuttle system will facilitate this linkage, as well as bridge courses and many other possibilities.
 - Academic calendar—the task force is now on completion and needs input from faculty.
 - October will see the final approval to the strategic plan by the trustees. Academic Affairs completed theirs on September 17, 2008.
 - Linda Buyer will hold a workshop in November on strategies to improve retention, like orientations for new students.
 - The memorial service for Dr. Joyce Mohberg will be held tomorrow, September 19, at 3:00 in Sherman.
- **Executive Vice President's Update (Dr. Ejigu)**
 - Parking—In about three weeks, lot C will be under construction, but lot B hopefully will be completed. They are exploring options like allowing parking on the divided streets and busing students. Another option is starting and leaving some classes earlier. Current difficulties are inconvenient, but students should be encouraged to look further away to environmentally-friendly solutions.
 - Power outage—October 4&5 GSU will have limited access. There will be no power to offices and classes. This information will be posted on GSU View. Power outage will also occur Thanksgiving weekend and during winter break closure. The closure is necessary to avoid paying \$1.3 million more during the re-construction process.
 - There are shuttle 12 round trips to the Metra daily. We are keeping a record of usage and marketing GSU as a “Millennium park to University Park” campus.
 - The idea of carpooling was discussed, with incentives as future negotiated possibility.

7. Faculty Reports

- **UCC (B. Parin)**
The committee is reviewing materials for 2009. Titles for 42 courses were found to be too long for the course auditing software. The former limit in the course description was 60 words; it now is 29 words. Blobaum will forward John Stoll's email and invite John or designee to October's meeting. The deadline for changes is October 31.
- **APRC (APRC) (A. Sanders)**

Meetings will resume next week after the summer recess. Integrative Studies is on track to be eliminated. For three years it has been recommended for elimination, but it has not officially come before the committee yet. The program will need a “teach out” plan for students still in the program, addressing, among other things, the timeline for completing their coursework.

- **Educational Policies Committee (E. Essex)**
Annual Report—A handout was distributed that explains what stage all the policies currently are in. Sandra Mayfield is also *ex officio* to the committee. The honors policy still has no resolution, after several sessions of discussion last spring. Essex recommends putting it on the agenda for Executive Committee to review. Student Senate had come to Senate to talk to us about their concerns, but we ran out of time; we need to re-schedule them as well. The wording of the policy for election to student senate is odd; they need to revise it.
- **IBHE (B. Wojcik)**
Blobaum will email a written report to Senators.
- **UAC (B. Wojcik)**
• Blobaum will email a written report to Senators.
- **Bargaining Unit (M. Katz)**
They are putting together a survey of contract negotiations.
- **Graduate Studies Council (H. Heino)**
No report
- **University Safety Committee Report (G. Lyon)**
No report
- **Executive Committee (P. Blobaum)**
Members attended a Seminar on Safety and First Response

5. Adjournment 3:10

Next Senate Meeting is October 18, 2008

Respectfully submitted

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