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## Governors State University

### Board of Trustees Meeting, December 15, 2006 Minutes

The Board of Trustees meeting was held on Friday, December 15, 2006, in the Hall of Honors at Governors State University.

#### Call to Order

Chair Friefeld called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Roll Call was taken, and the following Trustees were present: Bruce Friefeld, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Jack Beaupre, Lorine Samuels (arrived at 1:30), Kathleen Field Orr, Lois Mayer, and Student Trustee Dwayne Williams. Trustee Bill McGee was absent.

Also present were: Stuart Fagan, Paul R. Keys, John Tuohy, Jim Britt, Alexis Kennedy, Colleen Rock Cawthon, Michael Wortham, Kathy Miller, Gary Lyon, and Jerold Hodgkin.

#### Executive Session

Chair Friefeld requested a motion to move into Executive Session. Beaupre moved that the Board convene in Executive Session, as permitted under the "Open Meetings Act," to consider and discuss collective bargaining, litigation, and personnel. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. The general public was asked to leave the room, and the Trustees went into Executive Session at 1:21 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The general public was invited to return to the meeting.

#### New Business:

**Approval of Minutes:** Chair Friefeld requested a motion for the approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2006 Board meeting. DeLaurentiis moved that the minutes be approved. Mayer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### Chair's Report

Chair Friefeld wished everyone a warm, safe holiday season and reported that the Board members are dedicated to the success of Governors State University, its students, faculty, staff, the communities GSU serves and to the growth and prosperity of the region. The Trustees take their responsibilities seriously. They provide guidance and set sound policy in support of the University's mission to fulfill its number one priority: "to offer a demonstrably excellent education that meets the demands of our region and state for engaged, knowledgeable citizens and highly skilled professionals, and that is accessible to all including those traditionally underserved by higher education." The Trustees' commitment is evident in all they do in support of the University—from attending legislative hearings and forums, to providing support during accreditation visits and serving on the Presidential Search Committee. They give of themselves and their time because they believe GSU is a special institution with a special mission. Chair Friefeld thanked the Trustees for their attendance at the committee meetings, special meetings, accreditation exit interviews, and special programs throughout the year.

Chair Friefeld was impressed by the depth and richness of the pool of candidates that the Presidential Search Committee recommended be invited to the campus for interviews. Each of the candidates is well educated, highly focused, and capable of leading GSU into the future. The task of the Board and community is to select the person who is the right fit for the University. As the candidates are interviewed, everyone must remember that the candidates are interviewing the University community as well. The candidates have options, and that is why it is so important for the process to move swiftly. Otherwise, some of the best candidates may accept other offers. It is essential that the interview process is well underway or completed by the end of January. It is important that each member of the University community take the opportunity to review the candidates' materials. The next leader of GSU will represent the face of the University on campus, in the community, and with the legislature. Chair Friefeld thanked the search committee for a job well done.

January 15, 2007 marks the end of Samuels', Field Orr's, and Chair Friefeld's appointments as Trustees of GSU. As in past practice, members are encouraged to continue to serve in their capacity as Trustees until they are either re-appointed by the Governor or replaced. That is why the timeline for the presidential search is essential; Chair Friefeld does not want a decision about the next president lying in the hands of three new trustees. At the close of the March 2007 Board meeting, Trustees will hold the annual election of officers. Chair Friefeld, if re-appointed, will not seek re-election as an officer. He enjoyed being an officer, and it was a great and valuable experience. Now it is time for other members of the Board to have the same opportunity. With so many fine Trustees, it will not be difficult to select a new Chair. Chair Friefeld asked each Board member to consider his/her willingness to serve, time availability, and commitment to devote to the role of leadership of the Board. The next President/Chair relationship will be very important.

Chair Friefeld attended Civil Service Day, an event that is always enjoyable. The annual event provides GSU the opportunity to recognize the civil service employees, who make it possible for all to succeed. From the naming of the employee of the year to the celebration luncheon, it is the perfect way to recognize their dedication to making higher education accessible to all. Ultimately, the work accomplished as a University will have an effect on history as graduates go on to do great things. At the civil service celebration, Chair Friefeld quoted from a speech that Robert Kennedy gave to the young people of South Africa in 1966. His message is an important one that encompasses what GSU is about. Chair Friefeld shared Robert Kennedy's words:

“A young monk began the Protestant reformation; a young general extended an empire from Macedonia to the borders of the earth, a young woman reclaimed the territory of France, and it was a young Italian explorer who discovered the New World, and the 32 year old Thomas Jefferson who proclaimed that “all men are created equal”

He continued...

“(They) moved the world, and so can we all. Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.”

This year's group of history makers will graduate from GSU at commencement on February 17. As in years past, commencement will take place at the Holiday Inn Select in Tinley Park. This year 1064 students will graduate, with 450 taking part in the ceremony. Their future successes will be GSU's legacy; and with these outstanding students, GSU's legacy is secure. The commencement speaker will be the renowned artist and founder of Chicago's DuSable Museum, Dr. Margaret Burroughs. Dr. Burroughs served as Trustee Samuels' high school art teacher; because of that connection, Chair Friefeld asked

Samuels to help present the honorary degree to Dr. Burroughs and to present comments on behalf of the Board.

Chair Friefeld commended President Fagan for his leadership. On President Fagan's watch, the University reached the highest standards of demonstrable academic quality. Each program that has a national accrediting body is accredited. New academic programs were introduced: GSU's first doctoral program; a sequence in Clinical Psychology; and a Master in Fine Arts. Increasing the number of online courses and opening off campus education centers expanded GSU's reach. GSU is the most affordable and accessible university in Illinois, with the lowest tuition of any public university in the state. GSU has been called the most diverse. As state appropriations have declined as a percentage of total income, GSU has been creative in finding new sources of funding. Relationships with legislators, community colleges, and community organizations have been built. GSU has weathered some very difficult challenges, including the MSW crisis, the cuts in state funding, and the public dispute over the charter school. The University's successes reflect President Fagan's leadership and the unique qualities he brought to the job: absolute integrity, a commitment to meeting the highest standards of academic quality, and a passion to create "the people's university." On behalf of the Board, Chair Friefeld thanked President Fagan for all he has done and for all he continues to do.

### **President's Report**

Dr. Fagan reported that, during the last year, GSU added new academic programs, expanded offerings on the web, and opened an Education Center in Kankakee. More promising initiatives are underway. The clinical psychology sequence in the Psychology Master program was introduced. It meets a need for trained psychologists and helps offset the impact of the elimination of the Master in School Psychology program. In December 2007, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) approved the Master of Fine Arts in Digital Imaging and Independent Filmmaking; congratulations to Professor Nearing and Dean Martin. It is expected to be a very successful program. GSU already has several Emmy award winners on staff. As an indication of the quality of teaching, two of Nearing's students were honored recently at the Education Channel's 2006 Independent's Film Festival for producing the best documentary in the student category. With the combination of quality and affordability, GSU will compete very effectively. The University now offers 17 certificates. These initiatives are in addition to the expanding programs of the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE), the Center for Excellence in Health Education, the CenterPoint Global Trade Center in the College of Business and Public Administration, and the new Center for Law Enforcement Technology Collaboration (CLETC) in the College of Arts and Sciences. CLETC was established with the help of a supplemental grant from the Legislature for FY07. There were discussions with chiefs of police in the area to identify their needs and to see how CLETC might address them. Based on input from the chiefs, CLETC is developing programs in digital forensics, forensic science, and intrusion detection. The creation of this center is a model for how GSU needs to proceed in the future; it is the result of a collaboration of three academic programs: Criminal Justice, Computer Science, and Management Information Systems. Congratulations to Professor Coldren, Program Coordinator of Criminal Justice, Professor Shih, Program Coordinator of Computer Science, and Dean Nowlin and his team in the College of Business and Public Administration.

The Kankakee Education Center is fully operational. There is a lot of local support and good publicity – a credit to Dean Stoll, Veronica Williams, and the Public Affairs Department. Enrollment is increasing at that location. In addition to some certificate programs and the Criminal Justice program, GSU is actively exploring bringing the Communications Studies and the BSN nursing programs to Kankakee. The University finalized an agreement with the College of DuPage to bring some programs there. A lease for space at the Naperville Education Center at Frontier Campus was signed. No public university has a

permanent sustainable baccalaureate degree completion program in that area, and no public university has sought to partner with the College of DuPage, which is one of the largest community colleges in the country. Their oversight is GSU's opportunity. Some workshops may be offered in the spring/summer trimester and regular courses will be offered in fall 2007. A site manager has been hired, and GSU will promote its presence there as aggressively as at the Kankakee Education Center. GSU was contacted by Representative Karen Yarbrough and asked to consider opening an educational center in Broadview, which is in her district. The creation of educational centers can be transformational. With the creative use of technology, GSU has the potential to grow from a regional to a state-wide university. The University also proposed a new, statewide Bachelor's Degree Completion Program to IBHE in October. It is very realistic, given GSU's expertise in distance learning and higher education for working adults. By using multicasting methods for delivering synchronous audio and video (live webcasting and cable TV systems), GSU would be able to serve a large majority of associate degree graduates from the community colleges in Illinois who have no readily available transfer options, mainly people with associate of applied science degrees and those graduates within the system who do not transfer to traditional bachelor degree programs. The proposal is in response to IBHE's *Baccalaureate Access Taskforce Report*, which concluded that of the 23,000 students who graduate each year from the community college system, 63 percent do not transfer for reasons of access and ease of transfer within their programs of interest. The statewide video bachelor's degree program would offer such students the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree with its flexible options. President Fagan credited Provost Keys and Dean Stoll for advancing this exciting idea.

GSU continues to meet high standards of demonstrable academic quality. In November, the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission (NCA/HLC) made a site visit to review GSU's ability to offer a Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT). The visit went well. The team stated that the doctoral program internal review and approval process was extremely thorough. They recognized the faculty and the Board of Trustees' commitment to the program and to GSU's mission. The team did make three recommendations for the DPT program: the physical classroom facilities need improvement, additional streams of funding need to be identified, and there should be continuous development of the University's strategic plan. These issues will be addressed. Congratulations to Dean Samson and Professor Carter, Chair of the Department. DPT classes will start in the spring/summer 2007 Trimester.

The Counseling program came up for re-accreditation this year, and they had a site visit by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) in October. At the exit interview, the team said the program was potentially one of the best master level counseling programs in the country and noted that the faculty represent a pocket of excellence. Congratulations to that program for continuing to exceed expectations. The Social Work programs, at the undergraduate and graduate levels, are scheduled for an accreditation site visit in late January 2007.

During 2006, agreements were reached with UPI and the other unions. When UPI negotiations started, UPI and the administration had some different ideas; but to paraphrase the junior senator from Illinois: what united us was greater than what divided us. That, of course, was the greater interest of Governors State, the welfare of the students, and the preservation of GSU's mission to be affordable and accessible. The negotiations were open, civil, and thoughtful. Everyone wanted to achieve the same result at the end of the day: fair and equitable compensation, opportunity for recognition and advancement, and assurance that GSU will maintain its standards of academic quality. The President thanked everyone involved in this year's negotiations for their persistence and hard work, in particular Marsha Katz, Edna Fry, and Peggy Woodard.

The University was able to achieve so much in 2006 in part because of a 4.8 percent increase in the base appropriation (\$1.2 million) and supplemental appropriations totaling \$1.8 million. Governors State had a greater increase in its state appropriation than any other public university. In FY06, GSU also received more than \$8 million in grants, not including earmarks. The largest grant received was for \$5 million over 5 years from the National Institute of Health's (NIH) National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. The grant will fund research into health disparities in the region under the guidance of research mentors from the University of Illinois at Chicago. On December 6, the college along with their counterparts from UIC formally announced the project to an audience of community leaders, legislators, and the press. This collaboration will stimulate research partnerships between two educational institutions, enhance understanding of the underlying causes of the disparities, and offer real solutions to the community.

State Budget Director, John Filan, has made it clear that higher education is not one of the Governor's top three priorities for FY08. The top three are K-12 education, healthcare, and pension funding. At the last IBHE meeting, there was no discussion of the budget. The public university presidents will try to present a coherent package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), then each public university will have to go to the legislature to seek supplemental funding. GSU will follow the same successful strategy with the legislature as in the past several years: point to accomplishments and ask that the funding be folded into the base appropriation or that the supplemental funding be continued. The University will develop a set of proposals that are aligned with the priorities the governor and the legislature have set. GSU will seek funding to prepare the next generation of K-12 teachers and funding to develop the next generation of professors for the health professions, as well support preparation of the next generation of professionals in fields like Nursing, Communication Disorders, and Social Work. The University will seek funding to expand the initiatives of the Global Trade Center and the Center for Law Enforcement Technology Collaboration.

Regarding deferred maintenance, the University faces some serious issues that, if left unaddressed, will become safety and environmental hazards. This is not unexpected for a physical plant that is more than 30 years old. The cost of correcting the most critical deferred maintenance issues is approximately \$22 million, with a total cost for all foreseeable projects totaling around \$30 million. The Deferred Maintenance Planning Group identified several projects that are regarded as priorities. Those projects include upgrades to the fire protection system, the air handling units, the building automation system, the emergency generator, the pool, and lighting protection. The priorities were reviewed with the Budget and Finance Committee.

Regarding the capital budget, the University's request to renovate E and F Wings, which included the needed new science labs, has been approved twice by the Assembly but never funded. The legislature did not take up the question of the capital budget at the veto session. It is believed that the Assembly will address the issue at its legislative session next year, given that labor unions and contractors are joining the universities in pressing the governor and the legislature to fund these important and long overdue projects. The President was assured that the renovation project is at the top of the list.

The President thanked the Board, the faculty, the staff, and Civil Service for their enthusiasm, support, and hard work during 2006. Entering 2007, GSU has issues and challenges, but no programs or personnel are in jeopardy and there is no immediate crisis to address. Moving forward, GSU will continue to address issues of enrollment, accreditation and academic quality, development of new programs, relationships with the legislature, and so on. However, there is one difference now, in that there is a developing national debate over the affordability, accessibility, and accountability of higher education.

What restrictions the Federal government may impose and what public attitudes may be toward higher education can seriously complicate the decisions GSU and other universities make as they answer questions ranging from tuition rates to the qualifications of faculty; or from programs a university might choose or research its faculty might choose to a university's commitment to diversity or its position on accreditation. When the U.S. Department of Education was preparing its recent report on higher education, some committee members and some observers floated a few ideas, including: 1) mandate a federal standardized test for graduating seniors, similar to the *No Child Left Behind* test; 2) standardize text books, at least for basic courses, to reduce the cost of college textbooks – an idea that was floated in Illinois; and 3) establish caps on tuition increases regardless of declines in state funding. Those ideas, and others like them, may come to the fore in the months and years ahead. GSU needs to anticipate the issues that will arise and be prepared to deal with them. In brief, the national Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education (Spellings Commission) concluded that certain areas in higher education require attention, including affordability, access, quality, accountability, and external assessment. By deliberate decision, the University maintains a low tuition. Governors State is accessible to individuals, by means of flexible scheduling, on and off-campus offerings, and online courses. GSU has chosen to meet the highest standards of academic excellence. All of the programs eligible for national accreditation are accredited. Clearly, there is still work to be done, especially in the area of assessment of student academic achievement. However, as the national debate about higher education develops, Governors State should and can be an example—a model of the new American University of the 21st Century. GSU can have a significant state-wide impact through the proposed statewide Bachelor's Degree Completion Program, and GSU can have a national impact through the imaginative and innovative programs it will implement in the years to come.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee:** Chair Friefeld stated that the Executive Committee had not met since the September meeting; therefore, there was no report.

**Academic Program and Policy (APP) Committee:** DeLaurentiis, chair of the committee, presented the committee report to the Board. The committee met on November 27. There was an Executive Session.

**Resolution 07-16: Honorary Degree Recommendations:** Upon the recommendation of the President and the Honorary Degree Committee and the review and concurrence of the Academic Program and Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the addition of the following candidates to the eligibility list for Honorary Degrees: Marca Bristo, President and CEO of Access Living; James Earl Carter, Jr., 39<sup>th</sup> President; Christopher Gardner, President and CEO of Gardner Rich & Company; Sheila M. Murphy, former Presiding Judge of the Sixth Municipal District of the Circuit Court of Cook County; Patrick Ormsby, President of Bimba Manufacturing Company; Irene Rosenfield, Chief Executive of Kraft Foods; Gary Slutkin, Founder and Director of the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention at UIC; Jim Tilmon, Veteran Chicago Broadcaster; and Arthur Velasquez, Founder of Azteca Corn Products Corporation.. DeLaurentiis moved to approve Resolution 07-16. Mayer seconded the motion. Short bios of each candidate were included in the agenda packets. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 07-17: Tenure Recommendations:** Upon the recommendation of the President and the review and concurrence of the Academic Program and Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees awards tenure to Dr. Dale Schuit, at the time of his initial appointment on August 1, 2007 as Associate Professor, Physical Therapy, in the Department of Physical Therapy,

College of Health Professions. DeLaurentiis moved to approve Resolution 07-17. Samuels seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

In committee, the Trustees were informed of and discussed accreditation related activities. Congratulations to all who were successful in the last quarter and good luck to those preparing for upcoming visits. The committee was also informed of the faculty members who were awarded sabbaticals for AY2007-2008. They are Arthur Bourgeois, Adriela Fernandez, K.C. Wong, and Ann Vendrely. Congratulations to each.

The committee was informed that John Yunger and Shensheng Zhao, College of Arts and Sciences, were awarded promotion to Professor. These are the first promotions to Professor since the implementation of rank. Earning this rank is a significant academic achievement. In the future, those who earn the rank of Professor will be recognized at Convocation and included in the tenure recognition luncheon. Congratulations to Professor Yunger and Professor Zhao.

The committee was informed about the need for a public hearing regarding the Naperville Education Center, discussed the enrollment development and management report, and reviewed the report from the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research, including a listing of new grants received, which totaled millions of dollars.

The committee was also informed that Professor Shannon Dermer received an Excellence Award, but her name was erroneously left off the list of Excellence Award Recipients that was presented at the last meeting. Congratulations to Dermer.

**Finance and Budget Committee:** Beaupre, chair of the committee, presented the committee report to the Board. The committee met on December 1. There was no Executive Session.

**Resolution 07-18: Finance Report:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the September 30, 2006 Finance Report.

**Resolution 07-19: Deferred Maintenance Initiative:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the "Deferred Maintenance Initiative," which includes maintenance projects, priority rankings, infrastructure needs and estimated projects costs.

**Resolution 07-20: Architectural/Engineering Contract – KJWW, Engineering Consultants:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a contract with KJWW, Engineering Consultants of Naperville, IL to complete the second phase of an engineering project to assess, evaluate and author bid specifications for mechanical and electrical projects. The contract amount is \$631,943, which shall include \$574,585 for work to be performed and a contingency of ten percent (10%) to cover unforeseen change orders that may be required.

Beaupre stated that KJWW, Engineering Consultants will be completing the projects regarding the BAS automation system, the air handling units, fire protection design for the Outreach and Technology Services (OTS) building and data closet, campus wide water quality improvement, new specs for relocating the motor control center, transit voltage surge suppression, new lightning protection on the



main building, roadway lighting, pedestrian lighting, new emergency generator, interior lighting control, occupancy sensors for classrooms, and roof top units for the gross anatomy lab upgrade.

**Resolution 07-21: Architectural/Engineering Contract – STR Partners LLC:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a contract with STR Partners LLC of Chicago, IL to complete the second phase of projects to assess, evaluate, and author bid specifications for architectural projects. The contract amount is \$220,454, which shall include \$200,504 for work to be performed and a contingency of ten percent (10%) to cover unforeseen change orders that may be required.

Beaupre stated that STU Partners, LLC will be completing the projects regarding the repair of existing concrete, cladding with aluminum panel system, the design of specs for the roof of the OTS building, and the development of documents to expand the Department of Public Safety (DPS) headquarters.

**Resolution 07-22: Architectural/Engineering Contract – Cordogan Clark & Associates:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a contract with Cordogan Clark & Associates of Aurora, IL to complete the second phase of an engineering project to assess, evaluate, and author bid specifications for architectural and engineering work. The contract amount is \$122,000, which shall include \$111,000 for work to be performed and a contingency of ten percent (10%) to cover unforeseen change orders that may be required.

**Resolution 07-23: Master Contract for Carpentry – Contract Office Installations, Inc.:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a three (3) year contract with Contract Office Installations, Inc. of Posen, IL for carpentry related services on an as needed basis, as detailed in the bid specifications. The contract's maximum cost for the three (3) year initial period is \$150,000.

**Resolution 07-24: Master Contract for Carpentry – Cosgrove Construction, Inc.:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a three (3) year contract with Cosgrove Construction, Inc. of Joliet, IL for carpentry related services on an as needed basis, as detailed in the bid specifications. The contract's maximum cost for the three (3) year initial period is \$150,000.

**Resolution 07-25: Master Contract for Carpentry – Wal-Tek, Inc.:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a three (3) year contract with Wal-Tek, Inc. of Elk Grove Village, IL for carpentry related services on an as needed basis, as detailed in the bid specification. The contract's maximum cost for the three (3) year initial period is \$150,000.

**Resolution 07-26: Master Contract for Paint and Décor Related Services – Oosterbaan & Sons, Co.:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a three (3) year contract with Oosterbaan & Sons, Co. of Posen, IL for painting related services on an as needed

basis, as detailed in the bid specifications. The contract's maximum cost for the three (3) year initial period is \$150,000.

***Resolution 07-27: Master Contract for Paint and Décor Related Service – Shamrock Decorating, Inc.:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a three (3) year contract with Shamrock Decorating, Inc. of Alsip, IL for painting related services on an as needed basis, as detailed in the bid specifications. The contract's maximum cost for the three (3) year initial period is \$150,000.

***Resolution 07-28: Master Contract for Paint and Décor Related Services – Superior Painting & Decorating, Co.:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a three (3) year contract with Superior Painting & Decorating, Co. of Chicago, IL for painting related services on an as needed basis, as detailed in the bid specifications. The contract's maximum cost for the three (3) year initial period is \$150,000.

***Resolution 07-29: Foster Pride Digital Curriculum Contract:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a three year contract with Mr. Michael Polowy as author of the Foster Pride Digital Curriculum. The total cost of this contract is \$225,000 over the three (3) year period.

***Resolution 07-30: National Institute of Health/National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Grant Subcontract with the University of Illinois at Chicago:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a five (5) year contract with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Office of Research Services as required in the grant for *Building Capacity for Health Disparities Research*. The cost of this contract is \$949,982 over the five (5) year grant period.

Beaupre moved to approve Resolutions 07-18 through 07-30. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Personnel Committee:** Kathleen Field Orr, chair of the committee, stated that the committee had not met since the September meeting; therefore, there was no report.

### **Institutional Advancement Report**

Britt distributed the 12-15-06 Fundraising Report and stated that fund raising is about 45% over last year and Advancement should reach the projected goal of \$400,000. Britt and the Provost proposed and implemented a pilot program over the last year, in which college faculty and/or staff worked with Advancement to assist in research and prospect solicitation. The pilot was based on the constituency model because people tend to donate to specific departments/colleges rather than to the general fund. Karen D'Arcy and Sheree Sanderson, College of Arts and Sciences, and Lydia Morrow Ruetten, University Library, participated in the pilot. Each representative developed a project to highlight fundraising in her college/unit. The Library took the lead in creating a "Friends of the Library" program. In just two months, the program has approximately 50 members and has raised approximately \$6,500. It

is the intent to add another college to the pilot program this year and, eventually, to have all the colleges involved.

### **Student Senate President's Report**

Jerold Hodgkin previously reported that the Senate began a program to make available student emergency loans. He reported that the first loan of \$500 was given. The Senate recommended that commencement ceremonies be held closer to the actual graduation dates and this recommendation was discussed with the Provost. One of the Student Senators was nominated for National Scholar Laureate in Journalism and will make a presentation in Australia. The *Notes at Noon*, which the Senate hosts, has grown. The Senate, in collaboration with the Black Student Union, raised a large number of toys for "Toys for Tots." Williams thanked the Senate for its participation in the "Toys for Tots" program.

### **Faculty Senate President's Report**

Lyon reported that the Senate recently heard from Jared Garrison about copyright issues and faculty handouts. The bookstore has contracted with XanEdu to check course packs for possible copyright violations and to contact publishers for exemptions/royalty payments. Alicia McCray and Dor Fitzgerald, Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education, informed the Senate of the institute's workshops, outreach, and help with grants and grant writing. Catalina Ramos-Hernandez, Latino Center for Excellence, informed the Senate of the cohort of Latino students, the tracking system for Latino students, and faculty development workshops on best practices. Pam Zener, Chuck Connolly, and Jeff Slovak gave a presentation on document imaging. The Senate was pleased to hear that the new process should streamline admissions and make the work of advisors easier.

The Senate looks forward to presentations by Chris Easley, Acting Assistant Provost, about graduate education and preparation for the upcoming North Central Association Higher Learning Commission (NCA/HLC) accreditation, and by Linda Buyer, Associate Director of Institutional Research, about the new Alumni Data Task Force.

The University Curriculum Committee (UCC) is working to complete the catalog. The Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) has completed its review of programs. The APRC received all the needed data from Institutional Research, thanks to the addition of Linda Buyer to that unit. The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) continues to review new and revised policies. The Senate representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Committee (IBHE FAC) informed the Senate that Governor Blagojevich's staff recommended that there be a study on textbook rental. It was suggested that all universities adopt common texts, if possible. However, faculty is opposed to being told what text books to use. There is also a proposal for elementary education students to have a liberal arts major. Lyon and other faculty members feel this is a grave mistake that will drive students away from education and will cause those who stay to sacrifice preparation that they need to take coursework that they do not need.

Lyon, as Chair of the Safety Committee, reported that the committee has appointed an Implementation Subcommittee to deal with the aftereffects of the power outage.

### **Civil Service Senate President's Report**

Miller reported that the Civil Service Senate awarded two Scholarships for the fall trimester. Civil Service Employees Annie Ware and Sheryl Jones-Harper each received an award of \$500.00. The Senate, through the first day of classes, is accepting applications for the winter trimester.

The fall fundraisers, At-Home Demonstration and the Arts & Crafts Fair, held in October and November brought in a combined profit of \$3,470.00 (compared to \$1,525.00 last year). Cindy Matthias, College of Business and Public Administration, coordinated the events and did a tremendous job. The profit will pay for a full academic year of scholarship awards.

Last Friday was the 23rd Annual Civil Service Day celebration. Under the leadership of Renee Rainey the Civil Service Affairs Committee provided a day of fun and relaxation. Thanks to Dr. Fagan, John Tuohy, Jim Britt, and Dr. Keys, who support the celebration with major donations. Without their help this event would be an impossible cost for the Senate. Many volunteers make this event possible, from the administrators who serve lunch to the people who were on stage. Miller thanked everyone who was involved. A new attraction was added—the *Scottie G Game Show Extravaganza*, hosted by Scott Smith. Scott secured all of the donations for prizes and designed the games to include audience participation to win prizes. Everyone had a great time, and asked if he would return next year. With the generosity of everyone who donated through the re-gifting program, the Senate was able to award over 100 door prizes. Civil Service Day is not intended to be a fund raiser, but rather a day to show appreciation to the dedicated civil service employees.

The Civil Service Senate is very visible and mostly known because of the many events it hosts for the staff. However, the Senate is also an important part of university governance, and it takes that role very seriously. Because it does, the Senate will hold a special meeting next week to discuss the on-campus interviews for the presidential candidates. The Senate feels it should approach the interviews with a plan. It is important to be organized so that the scheduled hour to interview each candidate is structured to be able to ask important questions, which will allow the Civil Service staff to make educated recommendations. The Senate wants to ensure that the candidates sense the quality of the staff at GSU. Miller thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the search.

Miller stated that she was out to breakfast with her husband, and he ran into a childhood friend who was with his wife. The conversation led to Miller's daughter and her future. The friend's wife said, "She should get a degree in Occupational Therapy; she can do so much with that degree. She should go to Governors State; it's a wonderful university!" She went on about Dr. Cada and how marvelous she and the other faculty members are. She explained how much she loved going to school here, how great it is. It was quite a while before Miller was able to tell her with pride, "I know, I work there!"

## Other Business

**Resolution 07-31: Release of Executive Session Minutes:** Upon the recommendation of the President, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the release of the Executive Session minutes of the following meetings: Board of Trustees, March 17, 2006 and June 9, 2006; and Academic Program and Policy, August 17, 2005 and August 21, 2006. Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and upon the recommendation of the President, the Governors State University Board of Trustees has determined that a need for confidentiality continues to exist for the minutes of the Executive Sessions for the following meetings: Personnel, May 14, 2004; September 13, 2004; and November 19, 2004; and Academic Program and Policy, November 12, 2004; and Board of Trustees, December 16, 2005. Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 07-31. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Beaupre, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, thanked the members of the search committee. The committee devoted a significant effort and a great amount of time to the process. **Resolution 07-32: Presidential Search Recommendations:** Upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees Presidential

Search Committee and further review of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the following candidates as finalists in the presidential search process: Daniel J. Julius, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Benedictine University; William J. Lowe, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs, Metropolitan State University; Elaine P. Maimon, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage; Patricia Pierce Ramsey, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Bowie State University; and Vinton Thompson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kean University. Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 07-32. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Information Report**

There was no information report.

### **Public Comment Period**

Chair Friefeld stated that HB2580 requires GSU to set aside time at each open Board meeting for employees and members of the public to make comments, subject to reasonable constraints. Comments are limited to three minutes for each person. No one requested to speak.

Some of the Trustees commented on key GSU events/activities of the past year, including the visit by Senator del Valle; the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Regional Conference, hosted by the College of Business and Public Administration; the sculpture park event; the presidential search committee; the Grants Reception; and Jazz in the Park, which was incredible.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Friefeld requested a motion to adjourn. Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned. DeLaurentiis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Rock Cawthon