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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Friday, December 7, 2007 Meeting

Call to Order

Chair Mayer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2007 in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors, Governors State University. The following Trustees were present: Lorine Samuels, Lois Mayer, Bruce Friefeld, Jack Beaupre (arrived at 10:20), and Student Trustee Elizabeth Green. Others present were: Kristi DeLaurentiis, Trustee; 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, Assistant to the Provost; Michael Wortham, Assistant to the President; Alexis Kennedy, Legal Counsel; Yvette Brown, faculty representative to the committee; and Kathy Miller, President of the Civil Service Senate.

Action Item

Authorization to Confer Professor Emeritus Status

An executive summary listing each candidate for professor emeritus status was included in the agenda packets. The six candidates are: Edwin D. Cehelnik, Peter P. Gunther, Ana C. Kong, Vinicio H. Reyes, Michael Stelnicki, and Leon J. Zalewski. Woodard stated that all six candidates are outstanding colleagues and continue to support the University post retirement. Friefeld moved that the committee recommend that the full Board approve *Resolution 08-16: Authorization to Confer Professor Emeritus Status* and include it on the consent agenda. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Mayer thanked the candidates for their contributions to the University. The Trustees appreciate their tremendous efforts on behalf of GSU.

Information Items

Program Accreditation Status Update

The updated table, including the revised program review schedule, was included in the agenda packet. Woodard stated that the Communications Disorders program had a very positive accreditation exit interview and that the Health Administration program's exit interview was scheduled for December 7. The Social Work program received continuing accreditation for an additional eight years. Dean Sampson, the department chairs, faculty and staff were commended for their work. Woodard noted that all the school psychology candidates remaining since the program was eliminated have completed the program. The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is drafting the paperwork to begin the process to eliminate the Integrative Studies program. Since there are no faculty members assigned to the program and no students enrolled in the last few years, there are no lay-off issues to address and no teach-out plans needed. The mathematics education program proposal was reviewed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) at its December meeting, December 5 – 7, 2007 and was unanimously approved. Dean Martin, Chair D'Arcy, the faculty and staff were congratulated.

Report on GSU's Global Initiatives and Activities

Woodard presented a PowerPoint presentation on GSU's International Initiatives. To achieve the goal of preparing students for the challenges of the 21st century, GSU must provide students with a global perspective, knowledge of the history of other nations, and an appreciation of the values of other societies. To provide that global perspective, the University must focus on curriculum development to prepare students to function in a global economy, on faculty development in the form of research, scholarship, and faculty exchange, and on recruitment of students from other countries. Woodard gave an overview of some GSU

international initiatives, including special programs, travel abroad, and curriculum revisions to include an international or global component, teaching abroad, faculty academic presentations, and technical assistance. Woodard concluded that GSU must take steps, within its planning and decision-making efforts, to review past activities and to determine both the long-term goals and future initiative for international education.

Preview of Future Agenda Items

Woodard stated that the sabbatical report will be presented at the next committee meeting. President Maimon recommended that a report on off-campus centers be presented at the next meeting.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

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. No one requested to speak.

Adjournment

Chair Mayer requested a motion to adjourn. Friefeld moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayer seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Rock

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