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MINUTES

The Board of Trustees meeting was held on Friday, June 12, 2009 in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Samuels called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. Roll call was taken, and the following Trustees were present: Lorine Samuels, Jack Beaupre, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Lois Mayer and Elizabeth Green. Trustee Bruce Friefeld was absent.

Also in attendance: Elaine Maimon, President; Gebe Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff; David Curtis, Professor on Special Assignment to the President; Alexis Kennedy, General Counsel; Joan Vaughan, Vice President of Institutional Advancement; Jeff Slovak, Deputy Vice President of Administration and Finance; Karen Kissel, Associate Vice President for Financial Services and Comptroller; Paul Blobaum, Faculty Senate President; Kathleen Miller, Civil Service Senate President; Carmin Garnica, Student Senate President; and David Dixon, Internal Auditor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Samuels entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2009 Full Board Meeting. Beaupre made a motion. Green seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Samuels stated that the Board's committees have met, deliberated and have recommended that the following resolutions be placed on the Consent Agenda: **Resolution 09-31, 09-32, 09-33, 09-34, 09-35, 09-36, 09-37, 09-38, 09-39, 09-40, 09-41, 09-42 and 09-44.** *Resolution 09-43: Approval to Provide Permanent and Temporary Easement to the Village of University Park for the Reconstruction of University Parkway* was tabled at the Facilities Committee meeting. Samuels asked if any Board member would like to request the removal of a resolution from the Consent Agenda, to be considered on the Agenda of the Full Board Meeting. Mayer requested that *Resolution 09-38: Tuition Increase* be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed as two separate items, requiring two separate votes. DeLaurentiis requested that *Resolution 09-40: Award of Contract for Energy Management Services* be removed from the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 09-30: Award of Tenure. By statute, the Student Trustee cannot vote on tenure decisions. Samuels entertained a motion to approve Resolution 09-30. DeLaurentiis made a motion. Mayer seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken and there were four ayes, zero nays; Green, Student Trustee, was excluded from the vote.

Samuels returned to the discussion of Resolutions 09-38 and 09-40, which were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Beaupre made a motion to approve Resolution 09-38 and Mayer seconded, adding that the two issues within the resolution, tuition increase and tuition decrease, be voted on as two

different issues. Beaupre agreed. A motion to discuss and vote on the two separate items within Resolution 09-38 was made and seconded. Roll call vote was taken and there were five ayes, zero nays. Mayer requested to speak to the motion. She moved to approve the issue of a tuition decrease for out of state residents. DeLaurentiis questioned whether a new resolution would have to be written. Kennedy advised that the issues could be considered separately, however if there is a motion to amend then writing a new resolution would be considered. Green seconded the motion. Samuels restated that it had been moved and seconded that the tuition decrease for out of state residents be approved. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Samuels entertained a motion to approve the tuition increase aspect of Resolution 09-38. Beaupre made a motion. DeLaurentiis seconded. Mayer asked to discuss, stating that since the Budget and Finance Committee meeting last week she has given this great thought, and decided that a tuition increase should not be supported given the difficult economic times. There were no other comments. Samuels called for a roll call vote. DeLaurentiis, Beaupre and Samuels voted to approve the tuition increase; Mayer and Green opposed. Resolution 09-38 was approved as written.

Samuels entertained a motion to approve *Resolution 09-40: Award of Contract for Energy Management Services*. DeLaurentiis made a motion. Beaupre seconded. DeLaurentiis explained that she was unable to attend the Facilities Committee meeting the previous week; however she did have an opportunity to be briefed by Rakstang and Ejigu. She questioned whether the University should enter into a one-year contract as opposed to a three-year contract because the Energy Performance Contract may impact systems currently in place such as the HVAC system, hot water boilers, etc. Ejigu replied that the building automation systems and HVAC systems will continue to operate even after the major infrastructure changes that are being proposed by the Energy Performance Contract. Those systems are proprietary and require the expert maintenance and service by Siemens. Siemens will continue to provide those services even after the retrofits and replacements are undertaken under the Energy Performance Contract. Rakstang explained that Siemens' technicians come out once a week to service the system to maintain proper operation. DeLaurentiis wanted to be clear that as we look at retrofits or upgrades in the future we aren't duplicating work. Rakstang replied that upgrades will be matched and coordinated to the current system. In addition some savings may be negotiated at which time the contract can be adjusted. Rakstang pointed out that the University receives a discount for signing a contract for three years rather than one year. There being no further discussion Samuels asked for a vote on Resolution 09-40 and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Samuels entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Resolutions 09-31, 09-32, 09-33, 09-34, 09-35, 09-36, 09-37, 09-39, 09-41, 09-42 and 09-44. Beaupre made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. DeLaurentiis seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

DeLaurentiis congratulated the newly tenured faculty. Professor Beth Parin was in attendance with her son, and she was applauded and congratulated by the entire Board.

Samuels requested the Board retreat to an Executive Session. DeLaurentiis made a motion. Green seconded. Roll call was taken. The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:52 a.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 10:45 a.m. on a motion by Beaupre and second by DeLaurentiis.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 09-45: Honoring the Service of Elizabeth Green, Student Trustee

Samuels recognized Elizabeth Green, Student Trustee for 2007-2009, as a great asset to the Board, offering unbiased input and support as important issues have been tackled. Her contributions to the Board and the University have been invaluable. Samuels stated that personally it has been rewarding to work

with Liz, and that although the Board is sad to see her go, she is wished nothing but the best in her career and life.

DeLaurentiis read *Resolution 09-45: Honoring the Service of Student Trustee Elizabeth Green*

WHEREAS, The Governors State University Board of Trustees was created on January 1, 1996 by Public Act 89-4 to operate, manage, control, and maintain Governors State University in accordance with the rights, powers, and duties vested by law in the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Board is comprised of eight members, seven of whom are appointed by the Governor of Illinois with the advice and consent of the Senate, and one whom is a Governors State University student selected by their peers; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Green has served as Student Trustee from July 2007 through June 2009; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Green has served with distinction in her role as Student Trustee, providing sound guidance, thoughtful insight, dedication and commitment to the student body and the University as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The Board and the University have benefited from her service as Student Trustee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Governors State University that Elizabeth Green be formally recognized and commended for her service as Student Trustee, serving as a model for all who shall serve after her; for her commitment to the role of Student Trustee as advocate for the students; for her dedication to the University as a whole, providing sound guidance and perspective; and for the spirit of committed governance which she brought to the task. The Board of Trustees expresses its sincere gratitude for her work.

A bouquet of flowers and a framed copy of the resolution were presented to Green. DeLaurentiis moved to approve Resolution 09-45. Beaupre seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Beaupre expressed that he has been on the Board for almost a decade, and being co-sponsor of the student trustees has been very rewarding. Beaupre stated, "I have to say that I've witnessed Elizabeth's engagement. It is indeed proof in the pudding that this is a valuable resource for all our higher education boards. I think she has been more engaged than anyone I have seen in the last decade, and this is really a deserving honor." Mayer expressed her gratitude, stating, "Liz has kept us grounded in terms of the students' concerns and needs." DeLaurentiis thanked Green for her contributions to the GSU community, and wished her much luck on all her future endeavors. Green thanked the Board and the Administration, stating it has been an honor, a privilege and a rewarding experience to work with this exemplary board, President Maimon, the Administration and staff. She thanked the Board, President Maimon, the Administration, and especially Penny Perdue for their support.

Samuels entertained a motion to approve *Resolution 09-46: Release of Executive Session Minutes*.

DeLaurentiis made a motion. Beaupre seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Samuels asked Ejigu to introduce *Resolution 09-47: Authorization for the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees to enter into a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract*. Ejigu explained that this is a continuation of discussions brought before the Board at the Facilities Committee. Provided to the Board was a document outlining an analysis of the projects, cost, and projected savings during a ten-year period. Ejigu explained this project was initiated approximately a year ago at the suggestion of Trustee Mayer, and with the full endorsement of the Board. The initiative is designed to improve energy performance and efficiency, eliminate energy waste, and contribute to environmental sustainability. The processes followed from the very beginning are in full compliance in every respect with those created in the Public University Energy Conservation Act, which authorizes public universities to engage in these types of initiatives. The energy conservation measures being proposed will result in guaranteed annual savings of about \$500,000. The qualified provider, ESG, has advised that these measures will save 7.6 million pounds of carbon dioxide emission, which is the equivalent of planting 1000+ acres of trees or removing 635 cars from the road annually. The Act requires that before a public body acts on such a contract it has

to be posted for ten days. However in the process of performing due diligence the notice was not posted until June 5. Therefore the statutory posting period will require the University to hold off on final action by the Board until next Tuesday (June 16). The Administration is coming before the Board requesting the Executive Board act on the resolution on or after June 16.

Samuels asked what the proposed starting date for the project was. Ejigu stated that financing is locked in until June 26, interest rates have been increasing significantly over the last few weeks, and it is imperative that in order to move on this project the University must act now. Another important issue is that ESG, the qualified provider, has had to make arrangements with subcontractors that have time limits on rate locks. DeLaurentiis added that timely consideration is important because there are block grant funds available with an application deadline of June 25. A series of federal grants will be available over the summer through the Federal Stimulus Package.

Beaupre made a motion to approve Resolution 09-47. DeLaurentiis seconded.

Further discussion ensued. DeLaurentiis pointed out that as part of the background information provided Certificates of Participation will fund a portion of this project, however no doubt some of the Operating Funds Budget will be used. She asked for clarification. Ejigu explained that the good thing is that everything is up front and guaranteed in price. The contractor has to submit a bond and make good on those savings. About \$442,000 of the annual debt service is coming directly out of the savings. The balance, about \$113,000, will be funded by the Operating Funds. Samuels asked if an application for any federal monies has been considered or sought. Ejigu replied that the University is committed to applying for the ones ESG has identified, and there is a fairly good chance the University will get these grants. In addition the Administration is exploring additional state and federal grants in order to reduce the amount of the loan. Rakstang added that the University is looking at Illinois Clean Energy, and that \$60,000 from that grant has already been applied to this project. DeLaurentiis asked if ESG will create debt service for the \$8,000,000 required for the project. Ejigu replied that the University is only pursuing \$4,750,000 in financing as the remainder of the funds will come from the Certificates of Participation. There being no further discussion Chair Samuels requested a vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Next on the Agenda was *Resolution 09-48: Approval of Amendment to President's Employment Contract*. Samuels stated she would report on the Board's annual evaluation of the president during her comments later in the meeting. DeLaurentiis made a motion to approve Resolution 09-48. Green seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Adoption of a Statement of Support for the Village of University Park's Reconstruction of University Parkway was presented by Kennedy. She explained that for a number of years the Village has been in preliminary discussion regarding the proposed reconstruction of University Parkway from Cicero Avenue to Crawford. Recently those discussions have resumed, and the Village has secured funding for the project from the Illinois Department of Transportation and other sources. The scope of the project was presented to the Board's Facilities Committee last week. The proposed project includes widening of the road's right of way, designation of turning lanes in both directions and a stop signal at the University's entrance, as well as roadway lighting and a pedestrian/bicycle walkway along the north edge of the University's property. It is proposed that a narrow strip of land along the north edge of the campus be available to the project, through either a transfer of a fee simple interest or easement. The University would receive a number of non-monetary benefits, including those described above, in exchange for the use of the property. Negotiations are continuing with the Village and the University, as well as with other adjacent property owners. Kennedy explained she will report the Facilities Committee's discussion of the project to the Village's attorney. No Board action is requested at this time. As the project progresses matters involving the use of University property will be brought to the Board for review and approval. There were no questions. Samuels thanked Kennedy for the update.

REPORTS

Lorine Samuels, Board Chair

Samuels congratulated and thanked Trustee Green. She continued by recalling what an exciting few weeks it has been at GSU, including Commencement and the award of an Honorary Degree in Humane Letters to presidential historian Michael Beschloss. She expressed how very generous it was of him to speak as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series. Samuels relayed her experience at the White Coat Ceremony for the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program where 19 students participated. These practice doctoral programs represent a new plateau of accomplishment for the University, and she congratulated the students, Dean Samson, and the faculty for their achievements. Samuels stated she was pleased with the outcomes of last week's committee meetings as they involved several difficult decisions. She thanked the Trustees for their hard work. The University experienced what was probably the most difficult tuition increase given the current economy, but stated it was a good compromise, and GSU will continue to have the lowest tuition rate for a public university in the State. GSU's founding principles of accessibility and affordability are important to GSU's unique identity, and although it is not always easy to make these decisions she believes that balance has been achieved once again. The Board also concluded its annual assessment of the President, which included a self assessment as in the past. The Board wishes to express its continuing strong support of President Maimon and appreciation of her leadership of GSU.

Turning to State budget matters; the FY10 budget is uncertain and past deadline. However, higher education appears to have a flat budget based in large measure on the use of federal stimulus funds, for which the University is grateful. A Capital Bill that would provide funding for E/F wings is still on the table; however, the Board remains optimistic that a funding source will finally be identified. New science labs will revitalize the University and allow it to become the model university envisioned. Samuels gave special thanks to Maimon and Vaughan for accomplishing so much toward that goal. It also appears that GSU will have additional legislative help at the state level with today's Consent Agenda approving the award of a contract to a firm for state lobbying services in order for the University to have a full time presence in the state capitol. On campus, GSU's internal budget hearings went very well. The Board continues to be impressed by PBAC, with strong presentations by all departments recognizing creative thinking and fiscal responsibility that will allow GSU to continue its pursuit of strategic priorities. It is imperative that the University continue to use a forward thinking approach in order to secure the long-term survival of the institution. Smart fiscal and strategic planning has allowed GSU to grow as evidenced by the numerous projects going on around campus including the construction of new nursing labs, the Energy Performance Contract, and the installation of new roadways and walkways. In addition the University is in talks with the Village of University Park to improve University Parkway at no cost to the University. Finally, the Board will use its August Retreat as an executive retreat during which time the Board will continue to evaluate new projects and initiatives to help GSU grow even stronger.

Elaine P. Maimon, President

Maimon expressed a special thank you to the Trustees for their affirmation of her leadership, with great appreciation for the team spirit demonstrated. She offered her best wishes to Green, stating it has been a great opportunity to work with her. There are a number of landmarks identified this year including GSU's 40th anniversary, Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, and Maimon's second year at GSU. Last week's commencement and honorary degree ceremony were symbolic of GSU's achievements. Student speaker Edgar Casillias articulated GSU's mission to a standing ovation, with the remarks of honorary degree recipient Michael Beschloss as a focal point of the celebration. The past two years have been eventful globally and nationally. The United States elected a president that understands the value of higher education. Maimon described her belief that the president serves as the "teacher in chief" and sets the tone for education in the nation. It is not trivial that President Obama models attributes of articulate, reasoned discourse. He is willing to develop ideas with some complexity, and confronts the sound bite culture by exhibiting intellectual depth in the public square. GSU is a public square, not an ivory tower. Increasingly the University is seen as a unifying force in the south suburbs, fulfilling a 40 year old mission to serve the

community. *Strategy 2015*, which was unanimously adopted in October 2008, is moving forward. State of the art partnerships are being developed with community colleges with the goal of increasing the percentage of students who achieve bachelor's degree. GSU can lead on this and it will. The University's three doctoral programs are thriving. Maimon stated it was very moving to attend the White Coat Ceremony for the Physical Therapy doctoral students, and she looks forward to next June's commencement where a hooding ceremony will be added to the festivities as these students are awarded their doctoral degrees.

According to data from the 2008 alumni survey, impressive percentages of GSU degree-holders found employment and pursued advanced degrees. Vice President Vaughan will give more details on those survey results in her report, as well as the very good news that GSU has exceeded its philanthropic goals for 2009. Maimon stated she is exceedingly proud of the physical improvements on campus, which make GSU safer, more energy efficient, healthier, and more beautiful. At the Facilities Committee the Energy Performance Contract was discussed. The Human Resource Department's *Let's Get Fit!* program is making employees healthier at little to no cost, nurturing a University with a healthier mind and body. As far as safety is concerned, many initiatives have been undertaken including the ERT (Emergency Response Team.)

DeLaurentiis interjected by asking Dean Poole to report on the activities of the ERT. Poole reported that since the last update the ERT has done several things including the recruitment and training of a 60 member ERT volunteer corps. Signage has been placed throughout the University to communicate emergency procedures. The campus is utilizing a Honeywell lighting system for emergency lighting, and the Burbee communication system notifies the campus of an emergency situation over the phones. Public Address systems have been installed in the E/F wings, where the Honeywell system is not in place. In addition ITS has implemented a school messenger system to contact students and employees in the event of an emergency that would close the campus. In response to the H1N1 flu virus, Eric Matanyi has used the GSU View, the website, and email blasts to share information and updates with the GSU community. Tracy Sullivan and Jerad Garrison from Procurement worked with the ERT to purchase and distribute cases of hand sanitizer at a reduced cost. Signage explaining good hygiene habits has been placed in all restrooms, and GSU has a hotline to report cases of the H1N1 flu virus. To date there have been no calls to report a diagnosis of the virus. In addition training for CPA/AED is ongoing, and soon the campus will have 30+ people trained. Tornado warning systems are in place and identification of Tornado shelters on campus are marked by signage. A tornado drill will take place on June 30.

Maimon went on to say that the advancements in safety on campus are crucial to GSU. The United States, and even the world, is experiencing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The State of Illinois is in political and economic turmoil. Moody's reduced the State's credit rating to 49th of the 50 states, however the University is especially proud that in this context they and Standard and Poor's have affirmed GSU's A- rating. This is really important, and some of the tough decisions that this Board has had to make have led to this good credit rating. With a strong credit rating the University is able to use more funds for building and less for interest payments. Maimon expressed special thanks to Ejigu and his financial team for keeping the University fiscally sound in these troubled times.

The State of Illinois continues with numerous uncertainties. However GSU has a number of legislators watching out for the University. Lisa Dugan was on the phone with the IBHE making sure the nomenclature for the E/F wing renovation was correct. The Governor has not yet signed the capital bill, but GSU is closer to beginning this project than ever before. The proposed budget for higher education is 1% higher than FY09, but the public universities have been warned that they may need to keep a 10-20% reserve. Maimon pointed out that in FY11 the federal stimulus funds will disappear, therefore the University's only reliable source of revenue is from tuition and fees. She thanked the Board for understanding this, reiterating that GSU is fiscally sound, strong, and indispensable to the community.

Maimon reported that yesterday the Chronicle of Higher Education selected GSU as one of the 2009 *Great Colleges to Work For*. In confidential, anonymous surveys the University's employees were surveyed by the Chronicle. This accolade is a remarkable accomplishment. It gives the University the right to display the *Great Colleges* logo which will greatly serve the University in recruitment of employees. She expressed special appreciation to the Department of Human Resources for overseeing the survey process and for making GSU a great place to work.

Maimon concluded by underlining her personal gratitude to the Board and all in attendance for meeting the challenges presented.

Paul Blobaum, President, Faculty Senate

Blobaum congratulated Green on her two years of service to the University and wished her the best with her future plans. He stated it is always intimidating to follow the remarks of the Chair and the President, but he too would like to express his gratitude to the Board and President Maimon for their leadership. So much has been accomplished. The faculty appreciates that they don't have to worry about the sky falling so they can focus on academic matters. Faculty Senate elections were held and terms will commence in the fall of 2009. Most vacancies were filled. GSU's representative to IBHE, Rebecca Wojcik, has served for the past four years and wishes to step down. However no one volunteered so a new representative will be appointment in the fall. The Faculty Senate is also working on appointing faculty representatives to PBAC. The recent PBAC Budget Hearings were impressive, and the Senate looks forward to working with PBAC more in the future. This past spring the Senate conducted a survey on the proposed changes to the academic calendar. The Senate does not have a particular position per se, but some faculty expressed concerns about the impact of the calendar on programs. These concerns were shared and discussed with all faculty and staff at the April Faculty Senate meeting. The Faculty Senate will continue to meet during the summer. Blobaum concluded by recalling a meeting of the Illinois Council of University Senates that he attended recently at SIU. This is a biannual meeting where topics of mutual interest are shared including ethics, safety, and shared governance. Blobaum appreciated the opportunity to participate in these important discussions with colleagues from across the state.

Carmin Garnica, President, Student Senate

Garnica explained that when she first started attending GSU her mother questioned why she chose this school, which is smaller than the one she attended previously. She answered she wanted to be closer to home, but also she had a feeling that GSU's notoriety was growing, and it is. Garnica congratulated Maimon on her two-year mark, and thanked Green for representing the students for the past two years. She reported that the Student Senate continues to be aware of the non-traditional student here at GSU, constantly striving to represent the students and help them overcome the unique challenges they face. For that reason the Public Relations Committee, with the help of Lindsay Gladstone and Dean Poole, have developed a brochure on the services offered by the Student Senate. The Academic Affairs Committee is working on a survey that will be given out during Welcome Days in the fall. Programming is working on a calendar for AY2009-2010, including 40th anniversary activities. Fees and Finance have put together a budget request that is frugal but will allow the Senate to continue to help student progress. Garnica reminded all that during her last report the Senate wanted to create a monetary award to be used for childcare at the Family Development Center. Since then the Senate has approved four \$1000 awards for students that need childcare. Opportunities to utilize those rewards will be advertised as soon as all the legalities are taken care of. The Senate is very happy to be bringing this initiative to life, and she thanked Lindsay Gladstone and Dean Poole for their help and support.

Kathleen Miller, President, Civil Service Senate

Miller was absent. Her report was read aloud by Green. Civil Service Senate elections were held in April and 12 senators were elected. They include Lisa Cara, Blondia Jasper, William Kelly, Tiffani Malvin,

Kathleen Miller, Laura Owens, Renee Rainey, Crystal Richards, Karen Sinwelski, Patricia Smith, Karen Stuenkel and Pam Taylor. Terms begin July 1, 2009 and end on June 30, 2011. At the July meeting the offices of the Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary will be up for election. They are each two year terms. The Senate is looking into making changes to the requirements for the Senate Scholarship/Educational Assistance Fund Award. Currently the award requires the applicant to be a civil service employee, spouse, or dependent child, and to take a minimum of six credit hours per trimester. Currently 32% of the civil service employees registered on campus are taking less than six credit hours. The amendment seeks to allow GSU staff to apply for the award if they are taking less than six hours, however spouses and children must continue to be enrolled as a degree seeking student taking a minimum of six credit hours. It is felt this will allow the Senate to help more of the staff with their educations.

The Senate recently formed a committee to investigate a volunteer sick bank. A draft plan was created after researching other university's plans. The draft was presented to Ejigu, Gail Bradshaw and Tony Tymkow. With modest changes suggested, Ejigu supported the plan and Bradshaw and her staff are looking into developing the plan. The Senate is planning their summer function, which will include a barbeque and a softball game between "Elaine's Cupcakes" and "Gebe's Twinkies." There have been a few grumblings about the Summer Hours initiative; however the majority of staff members are enjoying it. If all goes well and this is considered again next year, the Senate hopes extra time earned can start earlier in the fiscal year. Miller expressed her appreciation of the PBAC Budget Hearing process. On behalf of the Senate she expressed appreciation of Dr. Maimon and Dr. Ejigu's management style. She concluded by thanking Curtis for staying on to serve as Interim Provost.

Joan Vaughan, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Governmental Relations

Vaughan first reported on ongoing initiatives with federal and local legislators to encourage them to support the University's key priorities. A handout of those initiatives was provided. In their meetings the E/F wing renovation has been kept front and center. The University received a call from Lisa Dugan and Kevin McCarthy just recently requesting more information. Maimon continues to meet with federal legislators each time she is in Washington, D.C. Included in the handout is a list of bills that are of great interest to the University, and close attention is being paid to them. The relationship between the University and IBHE is also being built upon, as well as the relationships with counterparts at other Universities. With the new state lobbying consultant GSU will have a constant presence in Springfield. As the Administration continues to build on these important relationships it will make sure GSU is getting the recognition and resources it so richly deserves.

Vaughan then reported on the fund raising efforts of the GSU Foundation. It was a tough year for nonprofits across the country. Institutional Advancement (IA) has had to look at new ways to attract donors. A strong campaign of students being paid to call alumni was successful. Green asked what the status of the Com-Ed initiative was. Vaughan replied that the initial request was for \$75,000, however as the economy suffered their funding dropped dramatically. The University did receive a grant of \$7500 for one year. It was a major disappointment, but not that uncommon. DeLaurentiis asked where IA finished with donations at the end of FY09. Vaughan replied that at this time last year a goal of \$600,000 was set. However as the economy suffered the goal was adjusted to \$430,000. This too was felt to be a stretch but it could be achieved with a lot of really hard work. The numbers are not finalized, however IA has raised somewhere in the mid to high \$400,000 range. This is very encouraging given the difficult economy being faced.

Institutional Advancement conducted an Alumni Survey with the assistance of Institutional Research (IR). A handout was provided. The classes of 2002 and 2006 were surveyed. The response rate surpassed the national average. The University received very positive responses. The surveys are posted on the IR website at www.govst.edu/IR. Linda Buyer, Associate Director of Institutional Research, thanked Kathy Miller and Marcella Molina for keying in the data. Samuels questioned whether this type of survey will be

utilized in the future. Buyer responded that it will, and that 2009 surveys are being keyed in right now in preparation for the HLC Site Visit. There were no further questions. Samuels thanked Vaughan and Buyer for the valuable information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Professor Marsha Katz, College of Business and Public Administration and UPI Representative addressed the Board. She congratulated Trustee Green, stating she has enjoyed their interactions. She wished her well in her future endeavors. Katz congratulated those receiving tenure, and President Maimon for being awarded a *2009 Great Colleges to Work For*. Katz continued by expressing her concern that the UPI is not represented on the Provost Search Committee. She reported that where the union stands now on negotiations is gratifying. Representatives from the Union meet weekly, continue to work hard, and have come to some kind of closure on some issues, although at this point no final agreements have been made. Katz explained that she was reelected to a three-year term as UPI Representative. In addition GSU had delegates elevated to the House of Delegates and the American Federation of Teachers for three-year terms. Katz concluded by stating she will be on sabbatical for the fall trimester. Dr. Elizabeth Ruiz, Vice-President Elect, will be acting president during that time. Samuels wished Katz a very productive sabbatical.

Samuels opened the floor for comments from the Trustees. She congratulated the newly tenured faculty and those receiving promotions. She also thanked the entire GSU staff and her fellow Trustees for their commitment and hard work toward making this a great University. DeLaurentiis requested that the Academic Affairs Committee provide further information about the Community College articulation efforts at future meetings. Samuels stated that will be on the agenda at the August Retreat. DeLaurentiis also requested further updates about safety and security measures in the Human Resources Committee, which Maimon agreed to provide. Samuels stated that she and Trustee DeLaurentiis attended IBHE meetings here at GSU. It was a wonderful reception and a great opportunity to meet representatives from other universities, many of whom had never been to GSU. They were excited to be here and to learn of GSU's many outstanding programs and facilities. DeLaurentiis stated the Metropolitan Planning Council is working to identify interesting destinations in the Chicago area, and she encouraged GSU to apply. Those destinations to be featured will be advertised in a variety of markets including You Tube. Samuels reminded the Board that the August Retreat is scheduled for August 23-25, 2009.

There being no further discussion, Samuels entertained a motion to adjourn. Green made a motion. DeLaurentiis seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Johns Maloney