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**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD**

Minutes of the Friday, December 11, 2009 Meeting

Lorine S. Samuels, Chair

The Board of Trustees meeting was held on Friday, December 11, 2009 in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Samuels called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m. Roll call was taken, and the following Trustees were present: Lorine Samuels, Jack Beaupre, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Bruce Friefeld, Lois Mayer and Student Trustee Bryce Johnsen.

Also in attendance: Elaine Maimon, President; David Curtis, Interim Provost; Gebeyehu Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff; Alexis Kennedy, General Counsel; Joan Vaughan, Vice President of Institutional Advancement; Heikki Heino, Faculty Senate President; Carmin Garnica, Student Senate President; John Stoll, Vice Provost; Peggy Woodard, Associate Provost; Sandra Mayfield, Assistant Provost; Linda Samson, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services; Eric Martin, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration; Deborah Bordelon, Dean of the College of Education; Jeff Slovak, Deputy Vice President of Administration and Finance; Karen Kissel, Associate Vice President for Financial Services and Comptroller; Sherilyn Poole, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students; Susan Rakstang, Associate Vice President for Facilities Development and Management; Gail Bradshaw, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Diversity; Tracy Sullivan, Director of Procurement and Auxiliary Services; Debra Boyd, Director of Public Safety; and David Dixon, Internal Auditor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Samuels entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2009 Full Board Meeting. Friefeld made a motion. DeLaurentiis 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 10-14, 10-15, 10-16, 10-17, 10-18, 10-19, 10-20, and 10-21**. Samuels asked if any Board member wanted to request the removal of a resolution from the Consent Agenda, to be considered on the Agenda of the Full Board Meeting. There were no requests and therefore the resolutions will be adopted as written. Samuels asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Beaupre made a motion. Friefeld seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 10—14: Authorization to Forward Program Reviews to IBHE for AY 2007-2008:

Upon the recommendation of President Maimon, the Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve forwarding the following nine program reviews, two priority reviews, and one deferred program elimination to the Illinois Board of Higher Education as listed below:

Program Reviews:

- M.S. in Addictions Studies and Behavioral Health
- M.S. in Analytical Chemistry
- B.S. in Biology
- B.S. in Chemistry
- B.A. in English
- M.A. in English
- M.S. in Environmental Biology
- M.P.T. (Master of Physical Therapy)
- M.S.W. (Master of Social Work)

Priority Reviews:

- B.S. in Management Information Systems
- M.S. in Management Information Systems

Deferred Program Elimination:

- B.A. in Integrative Studies

Resolution 10—15: Authorization to Forward Program Reviews to IBHE for AY 2008-2009:

Upon the recommendation of President Maimon, the Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve forwarding the following nine program reviews, one new program review, and one program elimination to the Illinois Board of Higher Education as listed below:

Program Reviews:

- B.A. in Art
- M.A. in Art
- B.H.S. in Communication Disorders
- M.H.S. in Communication Disorders
- B.A. in Criminal Justice
- B.H.A. in Health Administration
- M.H.A. in Health Administration
- B.S.N. in Nursing
- M.S.N. in Nursing

New Program Review:

- B.A. in Mathematics, including its Secondary Education Concentration

Program Elimination:

- B.A. in Integrative Studies

Resolution 10—16: Award of Professor Emeritus Status to Dr. Virginio Piucci: Upon the recommendation of President Maimon and the Academic Affairs Committee, the Board of Trustees of Governors State University awards the rank of Professor Emeritus status to Dr. Virginio Piucci.

Resolution 10—17: Award of Contract to Replace Air Handling Units: Upon the recommendation of President Maimon, the Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the award of a purchase order and contract to Correct Construction Inc. of Portage, IN in the amount of \$227,403 for construction work as specified in the bidding documents. With the standard 10% contingency, this action authorizes the University to spend up to \$250,144 on this project.

Resolution 10—18: Award of Contract for Electrical Upgrades: Upon the recommendation of President Maimon, the Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the award of a purchase order and contract to Electrical Systems Inc. of East Hazel Crest, IL in the amount of \$254,730 for construction work as specified in the bidding documents. With the standard 10% contingency, this action authorizes the University to spend up to \$280,203 on this project.

Resolution 10—19: Award of Contract for Fire and Security System Maintenance: Upon the recommendation of President Maimon, the Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the award of a three-year contract, with two additional three-year contract options, to Honeywell Building Solutions of Arlington Heights, IL in an amount not to exceed \$540,674 over the entire contract term.

Resolution 10—20: Award of Master Contract Renewals for Painting: Upon the recommendation of President Maimon, the Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the award of master contract renewals to Shamrock Decorating, Inc. of Alsip, IL and Oosterbaan & Sons Co. of Posen, IL in amounts not to exceed \$480,000 each for the master painting contracts as specified in the bidding documents.

Resolution 10—21: Award of Master Contract Renewals for Carpentry: Upon the recommendation of President Maimon, the Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the award of a master carpentry contract renewal to Cosgrove Construction, Inc. of Joliet, IL and Wal-Tek, Inc. of Elk Grove Village, IL in amounts not to exceed \$300,000 each for the master carpentry contracts as allowed in the bidding documents.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS NOT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 10—22: Adoption of the Governing Policies of the Governors State University Board of Trustees

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has completed a review of its Governing Policies as initially issued October 4, 1996, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees considered revised Governing Policies at its meeting on October 2, 2009, and

WHEREAS the revised Governing Policies were presented to the Board of Trustees, as well as being published to the University community, at least 10 days prior to adoption by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Policies issued October 4, 1996 are repealed and the revised Governing Policies are adopted and shall be issued and effective upon passage.

Samuels asked if there was any discussion. There being none she called for a motion to accept Resolution 10-22. Friefeld made a motion. Beaupre seconded. Roll call vote was taken and Johnsen, Mayer, Friefeld, DeLaurentiis, Beaupre, and Samuels signified by saying aye. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 10–23: Release of Executive Session Minutes: Upon the recommendation of President Maimon, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the release of Executive Session Minutes for the following meetings:

Full Board of Trustees	February 20, 2009
Budget and Finance Committee	May 23, 2007
Budget and Finance Committee	February 13, 2009
Budget and Finance Committee	March 30, 2009
Human Resources Committee	October 17, 2008
Human Resources Committee	February 20, 2009

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 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:

Human Resources Committee	April 3, 2009
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Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act the Governors State University Board of Trustees has determined that the following minutes can be destroyed.

Budget and Finance Committee	May 23, 2007
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Samuels asked if there was any discussion. There being none she entertained a motion to approve Resolution 10-23. DeLaurentiis made a motion. Friefeld seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

DeLaurentiis requested permission to comment on one more item relating to the Civil Service Merit Board. She congratulated Julia Jamison, who was voted Civil Service Employee of the Year, and praised her for her great work instituting and managing the *Get Fit!* Program.

REPORTS

Lorine S. Samuels, Chair

Samuels welcomed everyone to the final meeting of GSU's 40th anniversary year, stating that as the University moves toward 2010 the theme of celebrating the past and charting the future remains prominent. She thanked Vaughan and her staff for the wonderful event on November 7, where alumni and students connected with past and current employees, donors came together, stories were shared, and old friends reconnected. Samuels pointed out that former GSU President Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth's attendance was touching and important to the success of the 40th Anniversary events. The recent Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Continuation process allowed the University to examine where it has been and where it is going. When the final HLC report is received the suggestions for improvement will be acted upon. Samuels congratulated the GSU community for obtaining reaccreditation for another 10 years, and thanked HLC Committee co-chairs Dr. Ann Vendrely and Dr. Eric Martin for their leadership. Samuels turned her attention to several upcoming initiatives for 2010 including initiating advisory boards to work with the colleges and other entities within the University. In fall 2010, the University will move to a semester-based calendar which will align with the community colleges in order to better serve those students and help in achieving enrollment goals. In the coming months, the Board plans to revisit an idea from GSU's past and hold joint meetings with the faculty, civil service and student senates to obtain their valuable input regarding GSU's future. Finally, Samuels commented on the State of Illinois' budget woes and its impact on GSU. She pointed out that *Strategy 2015* will help increase enrollment so GSU can become more self sustaining, and although this is a tall order she is confident that GSU can move forward with success. The hard work of the entire GSU community has gotten the University to where it is today and she looks forward to celebrating future accomplishments for years to come. Samuels concluded by wishing everyone a blessed and joy-filled holiday season.

Elaine P. Maimon, President

Maimon opened by congratulating Julia Jamison for being named Employee of the Year and on the success of the *Get Fit!* Program, which Julia has undertaken with very little money. It is an amazing feat. Maimon commented on how wonderful the 40th anniversary celebrations were and thanked Karen Caesar-Smith, Director of Special Events, for her fine work in planning and organizing a very successful celebration. Maimon also commented on the HLC reaccreditation Self Study, stating the reaccreditation review looks not only at academics but at the whole university. The Commission expressed high regards for GSU's accomplishments in such areas as finance, fundraising, outreach, and facilities. It is an accomplishment the entire University community should be proud of. At this week's IBHE meeting, GSU's fourth doctorate, the Ed.D. in Counseling, was approved. One more step is required and that is approval by the HLC. When the HLC team was on campus they were asked to do an informal review of the program and they did so. Not a single question was raised about the program, and the IBHE cited the high quality of faculty and of the degree. Maimon congratulated Dean Deb Bordelon on this great accomplishment.

Maimon reported that GSU is patiently waiting for the governor to release capital funds to higher education institutions in the Chicago area following announcements of funds being released in other parts of the state. She received a voicemail from the President of the Southland Chamber of Commerce stating that he would march on Springfield to get the E/F wings renovated. The

University's lobbying firm, as well as many members of the Administration, is working day and night to secure these funds. There is speculation that an announcement will be made after the Christmas holidays so that Governor Quinn can get maximum exposure before the primary in February. The Governor has been informed that the HLC accreditation team pointed out the weaknesses of the E/F wings during their visit. Another challenge presented by the State is that GSU to-date has received only a small portion of the FY10 appropriations in the form of reimbursements. At this week's meeting the IBHE adopted a strong advocacy position that the funds owed to the state universities must be paid. As things stand the public universities are in effect providing a large interest-free loan to the State of Illinois and the university presidents publicly declared this is intolerable. In addition, a motion was called for a public effort to reinstall MAP (Monetary Award Program). Maimon expressed that GSU continues to exercise sound financial planning and management even in this untenable context, which was recognized by the HLC.

Maimon concluded by stating that, as GSU's 40th year comes to a close, everyone in the GSU community should feel proud of what has been accomplished. As the University enters its second decade of the 21st century it is clear a model university is emerging. She wished everyone happy holidays, adding "The best is yet to be."

Heikki Heino, Faculty Senate President

On behalf of the faculty, Heino thanked the Trustees for their hard work and for providing stability for the University for so many years. He went on to say that over the years the faculty and administrators have worked on various issues like assessment and shared governance, and made good headway, but this work never came to fruition because of eventual employee turnover. The faculty is now looking forward to being a big part of the assessment effort that is in the process of being formalized. Heino stated the new semester calendar, which will be instituted in fall 2010, offers numerous challenges to the faculty, administrators, and staff, particularly with regard to the delivery of curriculum. Since instruction is faculty's top priority they are very concerned. However, he feels confident that the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) and the Board will deal with the issue and find a suitable solution. The faculty will be getting together in December and January to brainstorm about current academic issues, prioritize them, and bring them to the retreat with the Trustees in late January. Hopefully at that time these issues, some of which have been around forever, can be solved. Heino wished everyone happy holidays.

Carmin Garnica, Student Senate President

Garnica opened with a quote from writer Napoleon Hill. She stated the students are enthusiastic about the goals and plans of *Strategy 2015*. However the goals are somewhat daunting because of the low number of volunteers in the student senate, which has become an overwhelming effort on the part of a few individuals. As prospective students consider their options and assess different schools they will not only take into account the curriculum, but student life as well because the community college student seeks a stimulating student life. Because of the low participation in student government the Student Senate has developed a plan of action to rectify the situation which includes making corrections to the bylaws and seeking the support of the deans in promoting student senate. In addition a massive public relations campaign will be undertaken, and a more visually appealing sign will be designed for the Student Senate. The

Senate is also looking into hiring a consultant and leadership training specialist to help their efforts. Recently the Student Senate donated \$3000 towards food baskets for needy student families. Garnica acknowledge that the Senate is not happy about the current situation, but they are cheerful and confident that they can turn things around. She expressed gratitude to the Administration for their support, especially President Maimon, Dr. Ejigu, and Dean Poole. Garnica concluded by wishing everyone happy holidays.

Kathleen Miller, Civil Service Senate President

Ms. Miller was ill. Her report was read by Trustee Mayer. In October Miller and four other Senate representatives attended the annual Council of Councils where they received reaffirmation that GSU is a great place to work. The Senate is looking forward to the Retreat with the Board. She thanked Trustee DeLaurentiis and the Administration for making Civil Service Day so special. The next scheduled fundraiser is a Penny War, scheduled for the month of February, to raise money for scholarships. All funds raised will be shared with the Student Senate. Miller wished everyone a very safe and happy holiday.

There was no need for an Executive Session, and no one came forward to make a Public Comment. Beaupre recognized GSU's first intercollegiate team, the Table Tennis Team, who competed at the regional tournament at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Samuels wished everyone a very safe and joyous holiday.

There being no further discussion Samuels entertained a motion to adjourn. Johnsen made a motion. Friefeld seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Johns Maloney