Constitution ratification scheduled

Ratification for the second time is one step for Governors State University's Constitution.

The constitution's rocky road to implementation began with ratification by the Illinois Community July 21, 1978, then it went to the Board of Trustees, then to Malamuth II for his approval. The BOG's Council for Revision recommended some substantive changes and the Constitutional Convention reconvened to consider them.

The Constitutional Convention met in Engbretson Hall, Monday, June 4 to Thursday June 7. It received the Rules Committee's recommendation to require that two hundred students vote yes for the constitution before ratification. Student delegates objected that this was an arbitrary since there was no qualifier for faculty or service civil participation. A motion to remove this requirement was passed after Chairman William Katz voted for it, breaking a tie vote. Dr. Nitsa Kofele-Kalo made a motion for a 20% percent approval by the student body is necessary for ratification.

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The motion for equal representation of students on the Constitutional Convention was carried by a vote of 17 with two abstentions. Adoption of the new constitution would provide a tri-cameral governance system replacing the system established under the 1971 Constitution.

One of the first tasks of the new Faculty Senate was to consider student life and affairs, e.g., the expenditure of student fees, the organization of student services, student governance, and campus physical resources. The Student Senate shall advise on academic matters, and on administrative appointments in Student Services. The Student Senate shall advise on specific decisions which may be made under any of these policies in a manner as set forth in the bylaws of the Faculty Senate.

Constitutional Convention, consist of six (6) faculty elected from each College, three (3) from the School of Health Professions and nine (9) faculty elected by the total faculty membership group at large.

With the favorable vote of the Convention providing the constitution for GSI, the following ratification procedure will be followed.

The Rules Committee recommends to the governing council for ratification of the final draft of a new Constitution, after consultation with the Convention, and its implementation, if ratified, be as follows:

1. Publication to the university community of the text in the issue of June 12, 1979, if possible, otherwise in the issue of June 26, 1979.

(Concurrent with (1) above

2. Concur in (1) above

3. Concur in (1) above

4. A majority of votes cast within each of at least three out of the four colleges and identified as Faculty, Support, Civil Service, and Students favor ratification, one of which must be Faculty.

5. The constitutional document will be considered ratified by the university community and will be forwarded to the Governor for his action and further forwarding to

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A constitution which should establish a tri-cameral government that would include a Senate, a House of Representatives, and a Supreme Court. The Senate would be responsible for passing legislation, the House of Representatives would be responsible for registering initiatives, and the Supreme Court would be responsible for overseeing the activities of the other two chambers. The President would be elected by the Senate, with the House of Representatives serving as the House of Representatives. The President's term would be four years, and they would be term-limited. The Senate would consist of 100 members, with each state having two representatives. The House of Representatives would consist of 435 members, with each state having two representatives. The Supreme Court would consist of nine justices, with the President appointing the Chief Justice and the remaining justices appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

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ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS AND PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
A. AMENDMENTS
1. Amendments to the Constitution and to bylaws may be initiated by any member of a Senate, or through a representative in a Senate, or by any committee or task force of a Senate.
2. An amendment to the Constitution or to bylaws, if adopted, the ratification of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each Senate present and the approval of
the University President and the Joint Board of Governors.
3. An amendment to bylaws shall require, for its adoption, the ratification of a majority of the members of each Senate present and voting at a regular meeting of that body.
4. No proposed amendment may be brought to a vote in any Senate sooner than one month after its publication to that Senate’s principal constituency.
5. Coordination of the amending process and forwarding of ratified amendments to the University President for approval shall be a function of the Coordinating
Council.
6. The Senate shall adopt procedures for amending their bylaws.

B. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
1. Each Senate shall provide in its bylaws, for itself and for its committees and task forces, such rules of procedure as it may deem appropriate.
2. The Coordinating Council and each Special Committee shall provide such rules or procedures as they may deem appropriate.
3. The Senate shall follow in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of all bodies created under this Constitution in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, or with the respective bylaws adopted pursuant to the foregoing.

GSU plans Skylab lawn party

Skylab is falling! Skylab is falling!

With much of the world fretting about the possibility of Skylab’s downfall, Governors State University has set itself the opposite challenge — to invite or lure Skylab to its campus.

On Saturday, July 14, the university will host a “Skylab Lawn Party” on its 75-acre campus, which already features a number of pieces of monumental art in a permanent exhibit titled “The Sculptor, the Campus, and the Sky.”

Skylab will be invited to join the festivities during a four-day afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. Tentatively scheduled to take place, it will deliver, a variety of musical groups, a kite flying contest, a national photography program for people to call GSU and share their Skylab hopes and fears, and a fireworks display. A banner lowered by an airplane will proclaim “Governors State Welcomes Skylab.” A detailed program is now being worked out.

The public is invited to the GSU campus, and is urged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets, a picnic lunch, and a kite. A number of Skylab’s activities are also planned, including the

Can this GSU sculpture beam a homing signal to SKYLAB?

showing of “Flash Gordon” and other science fiction films. Those coming to the campus are also urged to bring all power of

appearance to lure the T-340 Skylab to GSU.

Apparently the university’s estimates of Skylab’s fall to earth are about as accurate as the precise measurements of NASA, which predicts the orbiting space station will come to rest "somewhere in the world" possibly in July.

The semi-serious effort is being co-sponsored by the university’s student activities and community relations as well as the academic program in mass communications. The student lawn party is also part of the university’s 80th anniversary celebration, which features a concert July 15 With nationally syndicated columnist Gary Wills as guest speaker.

Suggestions for Skylab lawn party include science fiction workshops, trivia contests, music from space, creating a welcoming gift for presentation to a NASA representative, having “Chicken Little” as grand mar

ral, who could periodically declare “Skylab is falling!” Skylab is Falling!

Other suggestions may be submitted to the Skylab advance team at GSU by calling 312/314-

3000 and Phyllis Bacon, program chairperson, X 2484; Tom Dascenzo, organization chairperson, X 2310; Mochan, promotion and public relations, X 2484, and Paul Schranz and Wendy Cohn, promotion and special ef

fects, X 2446 and 2315.

Med Tech society awards prof

A Governors State University professor has been appointed chairperson for the committee on professional and public relations by the American Society for Medical Technology.

Ms. Coleman is a former chairperson of the School of Health Sciences who will hold her chair for one year beginning with the annual meeting in Las Vegas.

She will coordinate a scientific assembly education exhibit at the meeting.

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Pref awarded

A 1979 Outstanding Young Men of America award has gone to a Governors State University professor.

Dr. Casagrande is the director of the College of Environmental and Applied Sciences has directed a pest study, information from which will have practical significance as coal taken on renewed prominence as an energy source. The project is supported by a National Science Foundation grant.

For Dr. Casagrande the Outstanding Young Men of America award means in part: "...has been selected...in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability, and exceptional service to the community."

Past president of U.S. Jaycees, and chairman of the board of advisors, Doug blanketkson, writes, "A man of your character is truly an asset to his family, as well as to his community, state, and nation. On behalf of myself and the entire board of advisors, I extend our best wishes for your continued success."

The new awards volume will include Casagrande’s complete biography, a check-out record of his work.

University professor of earth science, Dr. Casagrande’s degrees are from University of Scranton and Pennsylvania State University with postdoctoral at University of Calgary.

Fellowship

The East-West Communication Institute of Honolulu has awarded a Fellowship to a Governors State University professor.

Prof. Jil Winer, a psychologist consultant to hospitals, mental health centers, youth bureau, and psychologists, will be coordinator.

Her telephone number is 312/324-2523.

With its theoretical and experiential approaches, the course will be of particular interest to mental health students, teachers, nurses, and counselors.

The course will be offered through the communication science program in the College of Human Learning and Development during July and August. It will meet each Thursday, from 1-4 p.m. 9-12 p.m. A one-day workshop, to be arranged between the students and coordinator, will be included.

Class size will be limited to 15 students.

Professor Winer is certified by the American Board of Examiners in Psychodrama, Sociometry, and Group Psychotherapy as a trainer, educator, and practitioner.

She chairs the faculty of the Federation of Trainers and Training Program in Psychodrama.

She completed her training in psychodrama and sociometry at the Moreno Institute in Beachy, N.Y., and Cameback hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

Director named

A vice president of Governors State University is a new member of the board of directors of the National Center for College and University Planning.

Virginia L. Picioc is vice president of institutional research and planning at GSU and university with the process and context of the College of Business and Public Service.

The John Hopkins University, the Graduate College and University Planning, and Phelp Stokes Fund are sponsors of the National Center for College and University Planning in Baltimore.

Dr. Picioc’s degrees are from State University of New York, Columbia University Teachers College, and University of Florida.