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GSU's Board of Trustees Friday conducted its first full board meeting of 2010.

The Board unanimously approved a consent agenda that included:

- A 5.8 percent tuition increase for undergraduates beginning this fall. Trustees also increased the Career and Counseling fee by \$2; all other fees will remain at the 2009-2010 level;
- A new contract with GSU's faculty union, University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100. The collective bargaining contract, which has been ratified by both faculty and board, is retroactive to last September 1 and is in effect through August 31, 2013;
- Dr. Terry Allison's appointment as professor of English in the College of Arts and Science, effective when Dr. Allison takes over as Provost in July;
- Changes in the contract for the university's Wind Turbine Project; and
- A resolution honoring outgoing Civil Service Senate President Kathy Miller. During her six years as president, Miller has served her constituency with "the utmost integrity, intelligence, and compassion," the resolution states. "She has served as a resource to the university administration and Trustees, steadfast in her support of the university's purpose and sincere in her commitment to the mission of the university."

The Board heard a presentation on efforts to attract more community college transfer students to GSU, which is a key component of the university's Strategy 2015 master plan. Executive Vice President Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu said GSU is implementing a number of quality tools to meet enrollment goals, and that undergraduate enrollment is already showing promising gains. Dr. Carol Cortilet-Albrecht, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Registrar, said "it's been a wonderful year for enrollment," and that innovative programs like dual enrollment, a tuition freeze, and debt free proposal are already paying off in attracting more community college transfer students.

Board Chair Lorine S. Samuels commented on GSU's steady progress, even in challenging times. She called special attention to the university's newly formed sports teams and how well they are performing. The Women's Table Tennis Team was successful at the recent NCTTA Championship in Wisconsin, and the Women's Volleyball team had its first match last week.

In her report, President Maimon provided details on the three competitive grants awarded to GSU in the first three months of 2010. The U.S. Department of Labor awarded a \$4.9 million grant that will be used to train persons for jobs in the healthcare professions. GSU's Family Development Center received a \$1.7 million grant to begin an Early Head Start program. The U.S. Department of Education awarded a

\$7.1 million Teacher Quality Partnership Grant to expand offerings in GSU's alternative certification program. The DOE grant will be jointly administered by the College of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences and will be used to train teachers through a one-year residency program, based on the intense, hands-on training that medical professionals receive. Dr. Maimon praised all the GSU faculty and staff members who worked on the successful grant projects.

The Board elected officers for the coming year. Trustee Samuels was re-elected Chair, Trustee Kristi DeLaurentiis was elected Vice Chair, and Trustee Jack Beaupre was elected Secretary.

Joan Vaughan, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, briefed the Board on the university's latest efforts to engage Illinois legislators and other state officials. GSU is working tirelessly to let lawmakers know that improvements to E & F Wings are the university's top priority, she said. A number of lawmakers have responded positively to the outreach efforts and have contacted Governor Quinn's office to push for the release of funds for the science building.



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