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## News and Events

### Dr. Maimon Praise PBAC Process

#### **An Open Letter to the GSU Community:**

Once again, this year's PBAC process was exemplary. PBAC and its six committees have been meeting throughout the year drafting plans and strategies for appropriate administrative review and adoption, developing budget development guidelines and principles, holding budget hearings, analyzing requests and priorities and ensuring effective linkage between our resource allocation decisions and the goals and strategies articulated in Strategy 2015. Members of my Cabinet and I attended PBAC's budget hearings and deliberations. On June 15, co-chairs, Interim Provost David Curtis and Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu, forwarded PBAC's final recommendation to me.

I am now pleased to announce that I have accepted PBAC's entire set of recommendations for FY 2010 operating budget without any substantive changes. The attached table displays the budget based on those recommendations.

The FY2010 operating budget constitutes an increase of just under \$1.5 million over the FY2009 operating budget. Of that total increase 56.1% is allocated to the academic units under the purview of the Provost. Eight new positions are created in the FY2010 operating budget, of which five are for tenure-track faculty. It is noteworthy that, once again, considerations of improved instruction, quality, and performance were key factors driving the PBAC recommendations.

The Governor and the General Assembly have not yet completed the state budget appropriations process. As a result, no one is sure about the final outcome and what exactly our appropriations for FY2010 will be. Because of this uncertainty, we have had no choice but to project a conservative budget, totaling \$51.3 million, an amount slightly lower than the "preliminary" budget of \$52.2 million that the GSU Board of Trustees authorized at its meeting on June 12, 2009.

As we work together to deal with the uncertainty at the state level, we are prudently managing our internal resources, with increased dependence on tuition and fees. Unless dramatic changes occur, we are anticipating a steady course within the context of the conservative operating budget described above. The only up side of the current situation is that we are more and more masters of our own fate. I want to call on all members of the GSU family to participate creatively in strategic enrollment management, fulfilling our mission to provide top quality higher education to a broad range of qualified students.

I want to commend everyone who participated in the PBAC process. It is gratifying to observe our outstanding progress toward broad-based participation in the complexities of strategic investment and linking our resource allocation decisions to our strategic goals. I am convinced that GSU is now prepared to move forward to achieve our goals of high quality in teaching, scholarship, and service.

I wish to extend special thanks to Dr. Curtis and Dr. Ejigu, the co-chairs. As I stated at the conclusion of last year's PBAC process, the strategic investment of resources is the life's blood of university progress. PBAC has established a framework for broad-based campus ownership of resource allocation. PBAC is shared governance at its best.

Sincerely,  
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