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For Immediate Release

## Governors State President Joins Will County CED Board

University Park, IL, February 11, 2009 – Governors State University President Elaine P. Maimon was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Will County Center for Economic Development (CED).

The CED is a not-for-profit organization, funded primarily by the private sector, to attract and retain business investments and jobs in Will County. Over the years, the CED has been cited as one of the top 20 economic development organizations in the U.S.

“I’m honored to be selected as a CED board member,” said Maimon. “One of the primary goals for GSU, articulated in our strategic plan, is to serve as an economic catalyst for the region. My service on the CED Board will allow me to work with Will County leaders to fulfill that mission.”

For forty years, GSU has played an important role in the local economy. GSU’s CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs, for instance, has long been recognized as a leader in the creation and retention of jobs throughout the Chicagoland area. Since 2000, CenterPoint has created and retained more than 5,200 jobs and assisted businesses in obtaining \$115 million in loan dollars.

Under Maimon’s leadership, the university is working to significantly expand its role supporting economic development in the region. The university has also pledged to bring together education, business, and government to develop a network of business and economic support services.

“Education is an integral piece of the puzzle to ensuring the continued growth and prosperity of Will County,” said John Greuling, President and CEO of the Will County CED. “Dr. Maimon’s extensive experience in addressing academic excellence, financial growth, and community involvement from an academic perspective will certainly enhance our Board and our business -education partnerships.”