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News and Events

[Board of Trustees Meeting, February 24](#)

GSU's Board of Trustees Friday approved a 2.5 percent undergraduate tuition increase for the 2012-2013 Academic Year. The Board also approved fees for 2012-2013, which remain unchanged from the current year.

President Maimon pointed out that, under Illinois law, the new undergraduate tuition rates will remain in effect for four consecutive academic years for students who enter GSU as undergraduates this fall. During the four years the new rates are in effect, she added, the annual increase in tuition over the 2011-2012 rate comes to about 0.6 percent.

This year, total tuition and mandatory fees for a new, full-time equivalent resident undergraduate student are lower at Governors State than at any other public university in Illinois.

"We want to be the most affordable university with very high quality in the state of Illinois," Dr. Maimon said. "That's our goal."

Dr. Maimon said GSU has turned to tuition as a revenue source because state appropriations supporting public universities have steadily declined over the last decade. Ten years ago, more than two-thirds of GSU's revenues came from the state. Now, the university receives less than half its revenues in the form of state appropriations.

Plans for student housing at GSU took a step forward Friday as the Board authorized the sale of revenue bonds to finance an on campus, 300-bed residential complex. Bonds in an aggregate original principal amount for the project are not to exceed \$21 million.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education this month approved GSU's housing plan.

In related action, the Board approved the award of underwriting services for the revenue bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. and Edward D. Jones & Co., both of St. Louis. FDM Architects of Oak Brook was awarded the architectural and engineering services contract for a fixed fee of \$900,000; the firm will develop design, construction, and bidding documents and provide associated architectural and engineering services for the housing complex.

Dr. Maimon reported on her meetings with state officials in Springfield on February 8.

“As convener of the public university presidents and chancellors, I have been working with my colleagues to put the thorny issue of pension reform into an educational context,” she said.

Dr. Maimon and Glenn Poshard, President of SIU, met with House Minority Leader Tom Cross and with other important groups. Later that day, public university presidents and chancellors met for an hour with House Speaker Michael Madigan, Senate President John Cullerton, and Jerry Stermer, Governor Quinn’s top adviser.

As a result of the meetings, the state leaders are willing to invite two selected university experts, Steve Cunningham of NIU and Avijit Ghosh of the U of I, to the table for pension discussions.

“Their presence will raise the odds that legislative proposals will, at least to some extent, protect our universities, employees, and the pension system itself,” she said.

The Board awarded tenure and the rank of professor to Dr. Angela Latham, who has been appointed Associate Provost. Dr. Latham, currently vice president of academic affairs at Triton College, will be a member of the Division of Liberal Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Latham joined Triton in 1997 as artistic director of the theater and lead speech instructor. She is also active as a theater artist, directing, producing, and acting at Triton and venues around the Chicago area.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved a name change of the Division of Liberal Arts within CAS to Division of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Approved the creation of the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts within CAS. The new division will expand and integrate arts programming at GSU.
- Approved three requests for new units of instruction: BA in anthropology and sociology, MA in school psychology/education specialist, and BS in information technology. The three new programs need approval from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

