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News and Events

[GSU Board of Trustees Meeting - February 15](#)

[Trustees Approve Contracts for GSU's First On-Campus Housing](#)

Governors State University took a major step toward on-campus housing Friday when the Board of Trustees approved construction bids for the university's first-ever residential complex.



At the February 15 Board meeting, trustees unanimously approved construction bids for the first phase of the housing complex, Prairie Place. The complex, which will have both apartment and suite style housing, will be ready for occupancy in summer, 2014.

Construction contracts were awarded to:

- General contractor – Carlson Brothers, Inc., of Joliet
- Plumbing – Best Plumbing, Inc., of Crestwood
- Electric – Linear Electric, Inc., of Orland Park
- Ventilation – Dodson Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning, of Pontiac
- Heating – F.E. Moran, Inc., of Northbrook

Construction of Prairie Place is expected to commence in mid-March. A formal groundbreaking ceremony will take place April 5.

Executive Vice President Gebeyehu Ejigu said GSU's architect of record, FGM Architects, completed a full review of the submitted bids, including the bidder's responsiveness to identified qualifications, requirements for the project, the selection of alternates, and the bid amounts. FGM recommended the lowest and most responsive bidder in each category, Dr. Ejigu said.

The approval of the construction bids follows other important steps in planning for the residential complex. The Board of Trustees approved a concept study for on-campus housing in December, 2011. The Illinois Board of Higher Education approved the project last February and, in April, the university sold revenue bonds to finance the design, site development, and construction of the residential complex. Last December, the university, following statutes for public procurement and contracting, solicited bids for the five contractors.

2013-2014 Tuition Rates, Student Fees Approved

On Friday, trustees also approved tuition rates for the 2013-2014 academic year. Tuition for new undergraduates, both Illinois and Indiana residents, is increasing 2.4 percent, from \$249 to \$255 per credit. For in-state graduate students, tuition is increasing between 2.4 and 2.6 percent.

President Elaine P. Maimon said the new tuition rates are in line with GSU's commitment to providing the most affordable quality education in Illinois. Some increases are necessary because of diminishing state appropriations, she said – appropriations were cut by 6 percent this year and the state is often tardy in providing necessary reimbursements for higher education.

Dr. Maimon added that the new tuition rates will be locked in for four years when students start attending GSU.

Board Chair Jack Beaupre said the state is likely to again cut education funding in the next budget and that he expects state support to continue to diminish in Illinois. "One of our responsibilities is to help solve the crisis in higher education funding," he said. "It behooves us to keep tuition rates down."

The Board of Trustees also approved student fee increases for the coming academic year. Two fees are going up: the University Facility Fee, which is increasing from \$16 to \$18 per credit hour; and the Strategic Initiative Fee, increasing from \$13 to \$14 per credit hour.

Dr. Maimon said the state does not provide the necessary resources to maintain GSU's facilities, so the Facility Fee hike is needed to make sure proper improvements can be made on campus. The Strategic Initiative Fee will be used to develop programs to help students become global citizens through Study Abroad and other initiatives.

Trustee Lorine Samuels Honored for Years of Service

The Board approved a resolution honoring Trustee Lorine Samuels, who is stepping down after 12 years of service to GSU.

Samuels, the Board chair from 2007 to 2011, served with distinction and always enthusiastically supported GSU's mission, the resolution states. "She has served Governors State University during a time of great evolution, putting the university on a trajectory to success, always keeping the welfare of the students at the forefront," it states.

Samuels, an area business owner, was also praised for her contributions to the greater community by supporting and participating in social service organizations, public institutions, and business groups.

Beaupre said Samuels is a model citizen, both in her personal life and business career. “You are someone that students can always look up to,” he said. “We couldn’t have asked for a better board chair.”

Samuels said she was grateful to the fellow Board members, administrators, and other members of the GSU community. “I am privileged to have served this institution,” she said. “This is a wonderful Board. Thanks for the journey.”



President Elaine Maimon,

Trustee Lorine Samuels

Information Technology Building Named after Former President Goodman-Malamuth

Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, GSU’s second president, was honored with a resolution recalling his many contributions to the university. The Board approved the naming of GSU’s Information Technology Services building after Dr. Goodman-Malamuth, who died in January. It will be known as the Goodman-Malamuth Technology Building.



Dr. Goodman-Malamuth, GSU’s president for 16 years, was remembered as a leader who transformed the university from its early days of educational experimentation to a more mainstream institution, all the while remaining true to its spirit of innovation.

Dr. Goodman Malamuth was instrumental in revising the university’s curriculum, redesigning its colleges, reorganizing the administration, and developing a new student grading system, the resolution states.

Dr. Goodman-Malamuth

Three of Dr. Goodman-Malamuth’s longtime colleagues in GSU’s administration and faculty – Beverly Goldberg, David Curtis, and Mel Muchnik -- thanked the Board for its action.

Muchnik recounted Dr. Goodman-Malamuth’s vision in bringing state-of-the-art telecommunications to GSU. The university became nationally known for its teleconferencing abilities, won numerous awards, and enjoyed increased visibility, Muchnik said. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth always supported new technologies that expand educational opportunities, he said, and renaming GSU’s technology building after him is “appropriate and meaningful.”

Will Davis Appointed Interim Vice President for Development



Dr. Maimon announced Friday that Will Davis has been named Interim Vice President for Development. Davis will be in charge of strategic oversight for philanthropic initiatives, as well as corporate and individual giving on behalf of the university. He is also CEO of the GSU Foundation, the university's fundraising arm. The appointment became effective last month.

Will Davis Davis will serve on the president's cabinet. Davis has been at GSU since April, 2012, and was formerly director of development. He said he plans to strategize GSU's brand to engage alumni, individual donors, foundations, and corporations to invest in "the university's renaissance."

Rudloff, Wilkinson Named Professors Emeritus



The Board of Trustees approved Professor Emeritus status for Dr. Winfried Rudloff and Dr. William Wilkinson.

Dr. Rudloff served GSU for more than 25 years, primarily in Computer Science. He has conducted

Dr. Rudloff extensive research in areas of Intelligent Systems, Artificial Intelligence, and Computer Aided Instruction enabling the Division of Science to become an integral part of a 21st century university experience.

Dr. Wilkinson served GSU for nearly 25 years in the College of Business and Public Administration. In addition to his faculty role, he served as interim dean and interim chair of the Division of Management, Marketing, and Public Administration.



Dr. Wilkinson

