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Provost discusses academic agenda

by Nancy George

Provost David V. Curtis reviewed the university's accomplishments during the past year and presented portions of the 1984-85 agenda at the annual academic convocation September sixth. He mentioned the university's commitment to affirmative action as well as the continuing search for a Special Programs and Continuing Education dean, a Business and Public Administration dean, and a library director.



Dr. David Curtis

He began his address to the university staff members by stating that an objective assessment would reveal that GSU is a very energetic university which is achieving its goals, is concerned with academic integrity, and is serving its students well.

The provost said it is his belief that the most important element in a quality university is its staff. In this past year for example, faculty activities have resulted in improved courses, modified degree requirements, and an improved academic advising process. Many faculty have engaged in important research. He added that the diverse activities of ancillary staff members have ranged from planting trees, and learning to use word processors to the development of telecourses.

Curtis listed some of the year's accomplishments. First, he noted receipt of a very positive North Central Association review. Then he presented other items, some of which were:

- Approval of a B.S. computer science major.
- Accreditation of a social work major. Application to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for approval of a business and technology B.A. degree.
- Increased televised courses accom-

panied by growing enrollment in these courses.

- Curricula improvement through realignment
- Favorable response to M.P.A. offered at Rantoul Air Force Base.
- Receipt of a Title III faculty retraining grant.
- Development of a course offering schedule which covers a two-year period rather than the up-coming trimester.
- Identification of catalog courses which fulfill the liberal arts requirements.
- Installation of microcomputers for faculty use.
- Initiation of a major capital drive for the performing arts center.

The most important accomplishments are not readily apparent, although they are significant, he pointed out. He cited the student who created an art work of which (s)he was especially proud, the student who was introduced to the intricacies of physical chemistry, or the student who learned an exciting new way to teach the concept of subtraction to second graders.

Curtis said that he expects the content of the 1984-85 agenda to change as the year goes by. "There will be opportunities ahead of which we are not yet aware. A major goal is that we remain flexible enough to take advantage of opportunities as they are presented," he declared.

"From my perspective the greatest amount of time and effort will be spent upon the quality of the academic program," he said. "The curriculum was realigned during 1981-83, and during 1983-84 it was fine-tuned and implemented. During this academic year we can live with what we have designed and modified."

The provost revealed that among other accomplishments of the curriculum committee is the development of model syllabus, and Curtis urged faculty to adopt the majority of the suggested basic information in developing their syllabi.

Another agenda item calls for an increase in enrollment. One of the best ways to do this is through off-campus offerings, Curtis explained. An example is the third year business administration program offered at Moraine Valley Community College this year. Moraine Valley is interested in offering additional GSU programs on their campus. Joliet Junior College has also expressed an interest in arranging GSU upper division programs on their campus, he reported.

Existing courses will be packaged to provide certificates and professional series to groups of health professionals, teachers, business persons, and others.

"There is an important role for GSU in the communication revolution and a lot of effort will be devoted to realize this potential," he

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Dr. Piucci explains A&P role; cites '84-'85 plans and goals

The university's budget, new program requests, program and unit reviews were among the areas cited by Virginio Piucci, vice president for Administration and Planning as examples of the responsibilities of his unit.

Piucci in his comments at the Academic Convocation, September 6, called his unit the "... little unit that cares a lot," saying that his staff is responsible for generating the university's budget and such services as operating the Business Office, the accounting systems and administering operations such as parking, auto operations and Central Duplicating. The unit also administers the civil service system at GSU, and, said Piucci, "We are responsible for providing a safe, secure, clean, comfortable and efficient environment on-campus."

"This year," he said, "the university plans to begin over \$4 million worth of physical plant improvements."

Administration and Planning, Piucci continued, operates and coordinates academic computing, administrative computing and word processing services. These will be expanded this year as the result of implementing university planning objectives and the new computer science major.

Noting that this year all administration and planning units are undergoing program



Dr. Virginio L. Piucci

reviews, he invited opinions and comments from the university community, concluding, "We seek your advice through the governance system, through advisory committees, or informal discussions where we can share your aspirations and contribute to seeing them to fruition."

Veterans of Innovation

1970	
Gerald Baysore, AP	9-1
Richard Vorwerk, CBPA	9-1
Carl Peterson, UL	9-1
Daniel Bernd, CAS	9-1
Barbara Flowers, Prov. O	9-1
Paul Hill, CE	9-9
Frieda Vazales, AP	9-9
Gwen Siebert, SD	9-22
1971	
Mel Muchnik, CAS	9-1
Herman Sievering, CAS	9-27
1972	
David Ainsworth, ICC	9-1
Peter Gunther, CAS	9-1
John Hockett, CAS	9-1
Dale Max, CBPA	9-1
William Flodin, CBPA	9-1
Chris Liebscher, CBPA	9-1
Donald Miller, CBPA	9-1
Sonny Goldenstein, CBPA	9-1
Barbara Jenkins, CE	9-1
Sandra Whitaker, CE	9-1
Gusta Allen, Reg	9-5
William Boline, CHP	9-15
Lee Hertzman, CHP	9-18
Ardis Pribyl, SPCE	9-25
Della Shiffer, ASR	9-25
1973	
Robert Kelley, CBPA	9-1
Donna Rutledge, ICC	9-26
Joyce Morishita, CAS	9-10
1974	
Clementine Coleman, CHP	9-1
Cliff Eagleton, CE	9-1
Harriet Gross, CAS	9-1
Helen Hughes, CE	9-1
Ndiva Kofele-Kale, CAS	9-1
Brian Malec, CHP	9-1
Farouk Shaaban, CBPA	9-1
Carl Stover, CBPA	9-1
Jane Wells, CAS	9-1
Buford Wilson, CE	9-1
Peggy Williams, CE	9-1
Mary Hughes, SD	9-3
Tom Deem, CCR	9-15
William Kryspin, Prov.	9-23
Betty Metcalf, CE	9-17
Ed Flowers, ICC	9-16
1975	
Teresa Barrios-Aulet, CAS	9-1
Vinicio Reyes, CE	9-1
Joyce Kennedy, CAS	9-1
Sang-O Rhee, CHP	9-1
William Gregory, PPO	9-2
1976	
Janice Shultz, Pres. O	9-1
1977	
Elizabeth Brutvan, CHP	9-1
Tye Kim, CBPA	9-1
Rudolf Strukoff, CAS	9-1

Job Opportunities

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Position: Director, Student Financial Services, Oxnard College.

Responsibilities: Perform all duties pertaining to direction of a student financial assistance program.

Qualifications: Master's degree, eligible for appropriate California Community College Administrative credential; four semesters of full-time collegiate teaching experience; counseling at college level or two years of full-time college student financial aid services.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

GSUings. . .

Joyce Morishita (CAS), exhibiting paintings at the "34th Annual Tri-State Art Exhibition" at the Quincy (Illinois) Art Center and in a group exhibition at the Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago.

James S. Lohman (Reg), being invited to present his paper, "Ask Your Colleagues," at the annual meeting of the Illinois Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (IACRAO), October 25, in Rock Island. The paper presents a humanistic approach to research and attempts to sharpen the image of collegiate registrars and admissions officers on their own campus.

Dr. Diane Kjos (SD), presenting a workshop on "Rival the Robots: Futuristic Career Planning," at the Region 5 Career Guidance Center, September 20. The conference will be held at the Louis Joliet Renaissance Center, Joliet.

Dr. Judith Cooney (CE), being elected to a two year term on the executive board of the Illinois Counselor Educators and Supervisors Association.

Dr. Z. A. Malik (BPA), being invited to speak at the annual meeting of the National Association of Accountants, September 11, on "Quality Control: Current Issues."

Louis Mule, CAS	9-12
Wilhelminia Moore, CHP	9-19

1978

Joyce Mohberg, CAS	9-1
Marilyn Philhour, PPO	9-1
Terri Schwartz, CE	9-1
Linda Steiner, CAS	9-1
Dorothy Sherman, Per.	9-5
Harry Wakal, PPO	9-11
Katie Ball, DPS	9-12
Frank Borelli, SAS	9-18
Curry Viverette, PPO	9-18

1979

Richard Finkley, CBPA	9-1
Akkanad Isaac, CBPA	9-1
Richard Pride, ASR	9-1
Sally Petrilli, ICC	9-1
Audrey Witzman, CE	9-1
Mary Eleise Jones, CHP	9-1
Geri Dalton, SA	9-4

Deadline: September 28, 1984. Send completed District application form, resume, and confidential placement papers or at least three letters of recommendation to: Barbara A. Derryberry, Vice Chancellor, Personnel Services, Ventura County Community College District, 71 Day Road, Ventura, CA 93003. (805) 656-7387.

Child center open

The GSU child care center is licensed to provide services to 25 children per session. Currently, sixty children are enrolled at the center which is open Monday—Thursday, 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m. and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. Director **Geri Dalton** stated that some sessions are nearly full and added that parents of enrolled children need not remain on campus the entire time their children attend.

Children of faculty, staff, students, and YM-CA members are eligible for enrollment in the child care center which is a service sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. The facility provides structured activities for children ages 2-12. The center will not be open on Saturday this trimester.

Information regarding programs, eligibility for subsidized lunch, and the schedule of fees may be obtained by calling the child care center at ext. 2552.

Provost discusses

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stated. "We have excellent facilities and staff in the Instructional Communications center for program production."

The university will continue its commitment to affirmative action he assured the audience. "It is the law, and more importantly, it is the right thing to do. Personnel will continue to be hired, promoted, and even terminated on the basis of qualifications and performance. Anyone having specific concerns in this area may discuss them with the affirmative action officer or with me," he said.

"We are not a hide-bound bureaucratic organization. Quite the contrary," the provost declared. "We have shown that we can and do adapt to changing conditions. We must be wise enough to recognize opportunities and take advantage of them when they appear. However, we must also be aware that we have the capacity to create these opportunities," he concluded.

Reward offered

The Department of Public Safety is seeking information leading to the apprehension of the thieves who stole an IBM XT Computer. The valuable equipment, not yet installed, was taken from a locked classroom in the Computer Lab. A \$500 reward has been offered.

Note of sympathy

To **Chris Cochrane (BPA/OCG)**, whose mother died in August following a long-term illness.