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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes, March 18, 2004**

Senators (Present = x):

<u>X</u>	E. Alozie	<u>X</u>	H. Heino	<u>X</u>	L. Proudfit
<u>X</u>	C. Brady	<u>X</u>	M. Kasik	<u>X</u>	W. Rudloff
<u>X</u>	D. Chung		J. Klomes	<u>X</u>	A. Sanders
<u>X</u>	G. Cook	<u>X</u>	M. Leverence		J. Shen
<u>X</u>	M. Dimitroff		J. Lingamneni	<u>X</u>	N. Shlaes-recorder
<u>X</u>	G. Garrett	<u>X</u>	G. Lyon	<u>X</u>	C. Tymkow
	M. Graf		Z. Malik		B. Wilson
<u>X</u>	B. Hansen-Shaw	<u>X</u>	R. Muhammad		G. Wilson

Guests: Paul Keys (Provost), Linda Williams (Student Senate), Lisa Hendrickson (Admissions), Paul Blobaum (EPC), Becky Wojcik (UAC)

There not being a quorum, Dimitroff requested that the reports begin before calling the meeting to order.

Reports

Provost Report (Keys)

The Provost urged faculty to attend the PQP Friday, March 19th, on *Elements for Division/Department Criteria*. In addition, the Provost was asked by Dan LaVista to join the IBHE's Priorities, Productivity and Accountability (PPA) panel, a group discussing academic activity across the state. Since the North Central Association will be on campus soon to review online programs, Provost Keys encouraged the senate to keep academic programs moving through the approval process. A senator inquired as to the status of the Academic Program Prioritization, Reorganization, and Elimination process. The Provost said all requested data was in and the next phase is to analyze data and reports. A senator inquired about information requested from the Provost regarding certification programs. Dimitroff said this issue would be discussed in the next executive committee meeting and tabled it.

Dimitroff called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Kasik moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2004. Leverence seconded the motion. The motion was approved by senators with 1 abstention.

Student Affairs and Services (Sibbett)

Sibbett discussed faculty participation in SAS and outlined specific activities to involve faculty as discussed in the recent Best Practices Conference.

- SAS needs to support the academic mission and strategic plan to lend credibility to SAS efforts.

- SAS should support and assist with faculty research.
- The language used by SAS and faculty can differ, i.e. to faculty, "student development" means learning outcomes yet to SAS it means supporting activities to the development of the whole person. We need to be on the same page.
- SAS simply do not know many faculty members.
- SAS needs to recognize and award faculty for their assistance
- SAS and faculty can partnership on grants.
- SAS involvement can provide faculty the opportunity to get together with other faculty.

Sibbett suggested holding one recognition banquet combining academic awards with nonacademic awards bringing faculty and students together. One senator noted that having a combined recognition banquet did not preclude individual departments from holding theirs. Sibbett also encouraged faculty to nominate students to be commencement speakers. In addition, an email is being sent requesting nominations for student recognition awards, and Sibbett urged faculty to nominate students. The nominations are due April 2nd. She said students want to see faculty outside the classroom and invited faculty to sponsor a game for the SAS graduation party. SAS would provide the prizes; faculty only needs to show up. Williams said students admire faculty and appreciate how far faculty have brought them. Students want faculty to participate in student activities outside the classroom. The discussion moved to the civility and mutual respect issue. Williams said the Student Senate would be addressing this in the near future. Leverage moved to establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Faculty-Student Collaboration, Kasik seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Sibbett would like the committee members selected and organized by the end of the trimester. Sibbett, Williams, and Kelly McCarthy will serve on the committee; 2-3 faculty members are needed. Dimitroff will email faculty for volunteers.

University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)

Muhammad encouraged faculty to go to <http://www.govst.edu/ucc> to check on course status. For printing, use legal size paper, landscape or request a hard copy of the status chart by sending an email through the web page.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (Kasik)

Kasik reported that the Faculty Advisory Committee met March 18th, and Dan Layzell and Daniel LaVista addressed the state budget situation. Go to <http://www.ibhefac.org> for the Faculty Committee report. Discussion followed on the new state law for 15 minute accountability of work by state employees. Unionized campuses are exempt from the new law until a new contract is negotiated. This will be on the FAC's agenda for the March 25th and 26th meeting. Kasik asked that the link to the above address be added to GSU's Faculty Senate web site. Chung was thanked for the good work in developing and maintaining the site.

Educational Policies Committee (Blobsaum)

Four policies were reviewed and approved by the senate:

- Policy 29 - Student Study Plan. Kasik moved to accept, Proudfit seconded, and motion unanimously approved.
- Policy 60 - Undergraduate Minors. Kasik moved to accept, Mohammad seconded, and motion unanimously approved.
- Policy 13 - Academic Amnesty. Kasik moved to accept, Leverage seconded, and motion unanimously approved.
- Policy 14 - Academic Standing. Sanders moved to accept, Chung seconded, and motion unanimously approved.

EPC continues to work on the new SEI policy.

Academic Program Review Committee (Lingamneni)

No report.

University Assessment Committee (Wojcik)

Wojcik reported that UAC members continue to serve as liaisons to assigned Program Assessment Coordinators. UAC members have recently assisted on two accreditation self-study reports and one site visit. The University Library will soon be seeking volunteers to participate in an upcoming focus group on assessment of library services. Wojcik encouraged faculty to consider the call for proposals for an upcoming national assessment conference at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis for October 31-November 2. For details, visit <http://www.planning.iupui.edu/conferences/national/nationalconf.html> .

Bargaining Unit (Leverence)

Leverence reported Katz held two recent meetings for faculty, one on the new contract and the second on sick leave buyout. Katz would like input on future workshops. The 15 minute accountability of work issue was suggested as well as clarification on which faculty members are on 10 month or 12 month contracts.

Executive Committee (Dimitroff)

Dimitroff said the committee set the agenda and reviewed the policies submitted to the senate today.

Old Business

Faculty Senate Nominations for Vacant Positions

Shlaes reported the nomination process for faculty senate vacant positions is complete. There were no run-off elections required. Sylvia Margolin will fill the 2003-05 CHP position on the CELCS Liaison Committee and Heikki Heino will fill the 2003-05 position on the Academic Program and Policy Committee (BOT). Shlaes will forward the revised list to faculty and staff.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.