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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes, April 20, 2006**

Senators (Present = X):

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| <u>X</u> E. Alozie | <u>X</u> T. Kelly | <u>X</u> W. Rudloff |
| <u>X</u> P. Blobaum | <u>X</u> J. Klomes | <u>X</u> A. Sanders |
| <u>X</u> D. Chung | _____ J. Lingamneni | <u>X</u> J. Simon |
| <u>X</u> D. Diers | <u>X</u> G. Lyon | <u>X</u> C. Tymkow |
| <u>X</u> E. Essex | _____ Z. Malik | <u>X</u> B. Wilson |
| <u>X</u> B. Hansen-Shaw | <u>X</u> C. Mietlicki | <u>X</u> B. Winicki |
| <u>X</u> H. Heino | <u>X</u> R. Muhammad | <u>X</u> J. Zhao |
| <u>X</u> M. Kasik | <u>X</u> L. Proudfit | |

Guests: Colleen Rock Cawthon, Paul Keys, Lisa Hendrickson, Mary Watson, Karen Kissel, John Tuohy

Lyon called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Essex moved to approve the minutes from the 3/16/06 meeting. Zhao seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lyon introduced Karen Kissel

Provost Report

Dr. Mary Watson was introduced as interim Director of Sponsored Programs and Paul Blobaum has been doing a great job with assisting in finding funding opportunities at the university

Dr. Watson recently worked at Valdosta State where her primary employment duties were assisting with grant approval and support.

She has been involved with grant approval and support since 1985. She has an open door policy. Her office is G387 and her phone number is 235-3308. Her e-mail is m-watson@govst.edu. She encourages everyone to contact her with any questions or ideas. She wants to promote grant programs but doesn't know where to focus unless the faculty tells her.

Gary Lyon wanted to add that Dr. Watson is helpful and easy to work with.

Rosemary Hulett will pilot a fundraising program along with Dr. Keys and Jim Britt She is working on private funds to help the university at the program level and unit level. She will look for matches with individual programs and donors for special interests. She will need representation from program to expand this type of fundraising. Programs in BPBA are working on a relationship for the global conference and appropriate donors.

Keys stated that each unit or program can have private discretionary funds obtained from these donors. The accounts are set up they just need to be filled.

A Senator asked a question about the amount of money the administration gets from the money obtain from these private donors. Dr. Keys replied that the university gets none of the money, 100% goes to the earmarked program or unit.

A Senator asked a specific question for the Provost. The APRC routinely reviews programs. The committee has only received information from one program. The APRC needs to get this information, for previous reviews the Provost's Office assisted the committee in obtaining this information. Dr. Keys stated that the flow of information has been slow due to the lack of institutional review however this problem should soon be remedied. The same Senator stated that he was not referring only to the IBHE mandated review however, any information the programs has available would be helpful. Dr. Keys stated that he will look into it and communicate his answer to APRC.

Tuohy is excited to have Karen Kissel here. She was at GSU previously as a consultant for various projects. There are a number of areas at GSU which need to be tightened up. Accounts payable and purchasing need to work together to make everything work more efficiently.

A Senator asked what type of projects she was involved in while here as a consultant. Tuohy replied that the projects involved mostly student registration and some PPO issues.

Tuohy stated that PPO is still an all paper based system and needs to be more efficient.

A Senator asked if outsourcing is still part of the plan for PPO. Tuohy replied that outsourcing is mostly out of the picture. There are still some large projects such as renovation of classrooms and large scale painting which is outsourced.

A Senator asked about the plans for the holes in the Hall of Governors. Tuohy replied that there will be a sculpture placed there. There is also a consulting group looking at that area as well as other such as the bookstore for renovations. He also stated that part of the project may include the balcony outside of the computer labs becoming a green area.

A Senator asked if there were any plans to renovate the old greenhouse area. Tuohy replied that there was a sculpture planned for the area however the area is in too much disrepair to house a sculpture.

A Senator who attended the master plan group meeting stated that the plan looks good and will keep the senate apprised of the progress.

Reports

IBHE Faculty Advisory Council (Wojcik)

There was a written report which is attached. The Council had an overall negative reaction to the proposed \$1,000 college tax credit. The FAC view was that it would place an additional burden on the funding for education in the state.

University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)

For the previous meeting, Muhammad sent a voice mail to the President of the Faculty Senate and there should have been a small report.

UCC is wrapping up for the trimester; the committee will meet next during the next trimester. The catalog is about ready for press. We will meet to solve last minute problems today. Everyone please look at the catalog display to make sure it is correct.

A Senator asked how often there are updates to the catalog. Muhammad replied that it is only once per year.

Educational Policies Committee (Tymkow)

Tymkow reports that the committee is reviewing the English Language Proficiency Policy (Policy 9), and Student Grievance Procedure (Policy 5). These policies along with the Graduate Studies policy (Policy 16) will be sent to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee soon.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Heino)

There was an oversight in the in the schedule and the representative was not invited to speak.

University Assessment Committee (UAC) (Wojcik)

Four representatives from GSU are going to attend the NCA meeting.

The conference is centered on changing ideas in assessment. Assessment is moving more towards data and equations to see if students are learning.

There will be a Department of Education report which will mandate accountability for colleges similar to no child left behind. There will be standards or programs forthcoming.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)

There was no report.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) (Lyon)

There was an extended discussion of the ITPPC policies and the format.

The committee determined that the ITPPC policies are not educational policies. The ITPPC would like feedback on their policies 61, 63 and 64.

A Senator commented that even though the FSEC didn't have any strong recommendations about the policies maybe the EPC should review them because they are poorly written and do not follow a standard format.

Another senator stated that there is no policy format.

Colleen is the official keeper of the electronic version of the policies; she said that there is a format for university policies. She said maybe the senate could recommend a standard format.

Hendrickson said that Policy 61 is a requirement of the Attorney General Office and the format followed it because they required it. The ITPPC tried to follow the EPC format but did not want to overrule the Attorney General.

Lyon stated that Policy 63 was approved in the current format but the senate can still recommend a change.

A Senator stated that policy 63 should not start with a list of what is prohibited. All policies should begin with a purpose statement.

A Senator commented that policies should have positive language not negative.

Lyon said the senate could recommend the policy 63 should be amended.

A Senator said that there should be no behavior statements without subsequent consequences.

A Senator stated that all of the technology enhanced rooms aren't the same. Some rooms have wired desks, food or drink would hurt this type of desk. If the desks aren't wired and only the podium is wired, there should be a different policy.

Essex moved that eating and drinking be allowed in a classroom if only the podium is electronic in the classroom. After a great deal of discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Heino moved that the policy is unnecessary, Rudloff 2nd the motion. After a great deal of discussion there was a vote. The vote was 2 for it 10 against it and 5 abstain. The motion failed.

Kasik stated we should move to have policy worded in a more positive manner, about what you can do not about what you can't do. The references to food and identification of rooms should be eliminated.

A Senator commented that there should not be specific rules for the rooms. People should not do anything that defaces or disrespects any classroom including the technology enhanced areas.

Lyon motioned and Kasik seconded to make the previous statement a recommendation for the ITPPC. After a great deal of discussion the motion was withdrawn.

A Senator suggested that the policy should become a general statement about conduct but not a policy level statement.

Lyon motioned and Tymkow seconded that there should not be a separate set of rules for the technology enhanced classrooms. They should just follow the general guidelines fro classrooms. There were 17 yes votes with 1 abstention.

Policy 64 is an interim policy and the ITPPC is asking for it to be approved to a permanent policy. Tymkow made the motion Heino seconded. There was approval by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

The Provost's Office is working on the nomination forms for the next elections.

New Business

Lyon contacted Susan Rakstang and suggested that the Physical Resource Committee should have been consulted before any changes were made in the Hall of Governors. She agreed and wanted to know who to contact before any other work will be done.

A Senator stated that the faculty needs to be in the loop more.

A Senator commented that we should not let this issue drop because it appears the faculty was deliberately cut out of the decision.

Lyon stated he would be happy to bring it up at the next coordinating council meeting.

A Senator stated the senate should request a formal apology from the administration.

Lyon stated that in February he inquired about what would replace the trees and was told by Tuohy that the plan would be unveiled in the spring.

The main point of the discussion was that the faculty should have been consulted then we could make a recommendation.

Winicki motioned that the senate express its concern regarding the lack of communication with faculty and university administration in regards to the plans for the space in the Hall of Governors, Kasik 2nd the motion. It was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Lyon asked about a schedule for future senate meetings. We need to see if we can get a quorum over the summer. Meeting by e-mail may be a possibility.

One senator asked Colleen about the status of the new group COAPP. She said the President suggested that the legal department should be consulted before it is final because there may need to be changes made to the university constitution.

There will be an upcoming all university meeting and there will be an announcement regarding a new GSU community newspaper.

Lyon will distribute a resolution to the entire university community about the Hall of Governors.

Adjournment

Blobaum motioned for the meeting to be adjourned Rudloff seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 2:55.

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