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

**Senators (Present = X):**

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

**Guests:** Rebecca Wojcik, Sarah Appel

Lyon called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. There was no quorum. Committee reports were heard.

**Sarah Appel**

Sarah Appel distributed a tentative schedule for the Fall Family Weekend at GSU scheduled for October 6-7, 2006. Among the proposed activities were television studio tours, live entertainment, family-friendly dance and karaoke, Family of the Year award, ice cream social, brunch with the president, pool party, family fun at the rec, family crafts, drive-in movie, and GSU Family Night at the Chicago Bulls. A senator proposed a student/faculty talent show.

Ms. Appel also reported on the Young Voter Strategies Project in which some classes would receive a brief presentation on voter registration. Senators expressed concern about political activities in class as well as presentations that were not part of the class curriculum. Further information will be forthcoming.

**University Curriculum Committee (Rashidah Muhammad)**

Muhammad reported that UCC is seeking clarification regarding a proposed name change for the Board of Governors degree. It has been proposed that the new name be "Liberal Studies." Senators expressed concern that this name change is too narrow and does not capture what students do in this program. In addition, a new course is proposed for the program, and the Senate questioned how a program without faculty can propose courses.

**Educational Policies Committee**

No report

**Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)**

No report

### **University Assessment Committee (Rebecca Wojcik)**

The committee met June 6 and July 27 to discuss several issues that were initially presented at the Higher Learning Commission's (NCA) annual meeting (4/06) and NASPA's Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (5/06). Wojcik will attend the GSU Steering Committee for HLC (NCA) accreditation on 8/1/06.

### **Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Committee (Rebecca Wojcik)**

The IBHE FAC met on 6/23/06 at Chicago State University. State Senator Emil Jones addressed the group and encouraged university faculty to promote higher state income taxes to fund education. Wojcik reported that the upcoming Spelling Commission report (US DOE) could have wide-ranging effects on higher education.

### **Bargaining Unit (Katz)**

No report

### **Executive Committee (Lyon)**

Lyon reported that we still need to confirm SEI members. Elections have been completed and some vacancies remain. Lyon proposed that the senate investigate conducting business via e-mail during the summer months. It was also proposed that conference calls or Elluminate<sup>TM</sup> could be used.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Dismissal**

The meeting was dismissed at 2:10 P. M.