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Governors State University  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
Minutes July 19, 2007

**Senators (Present = X):**

<u>  x  </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> M. Clark	<u>    </u> J. Lingamneni	<u>  x  </u> J. Simon
<u>    </u> K. Chung	<u>  x  </u> G. Lyon	<u>    </u> C. Tymkow
<u>    </u> D. Diers	<u>    </u> Z. Malik	<u>    </u> B. Wilson
<u>  x  </u> E. Essex	<u>    </u> C. Mietlicki	<u>  x  </u> B. Winicki
<u>  x  </u> H. Heino	<u>  x  </u> R. Muhammad	<u>    </u> J. Zhao
<u>    </u> M. Kasik	<u>    </u> L. Proudfit	

**Guests:** Gail Bradshaw, Diane Dates Casey, Gebe Ejigu, Lisa Hendrickson, Marsha Katz, Jeff Slovak, Peggy Woodard

The July 19, 2007, meeting of the Faculty Senate at Governors State University did not have a quorum. The meeting began at 1:05 P. M.

**Executive Vice President's Report:** Vice President Ejigu reported on the new organizational structure for GSU that was distributed as a chart to the university community last week. He noted that many student services that had formerly operated in a relatively independent fashion would now be under the auspices of Dean Sherilyn Poole.

**Acting Provost's Report:** Acting Provost Woodard reported that there is a proposal to reconstitute the Graduate Council. Diane Dates Casey will begin this initiative. Woodard also said that there will be substantial changes in the procedures for conducting searches for new faculty that are intended to expedite the search process. She also informed the senate that the team to head the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association self study will be headed by Eric Martin and Ann Vendrely. It was suggested that the university should clearly define the role of the Graduate Council, perhaps by amending the University By-Laws. Provost Woodard agreed with this and said that it was hoped that the Graduate Council would work closely with the Faculty Senate.

Gail Bradshaw, Diane Dates Casey, and Jeff Slovak reported on a reorganization of the search process. Searches for new faculty will be coordinated through Human Resources and each college will have more independence in conducting new searches. Vice President Ejigu elicited suggestions for improving the search process. Lyon said that he would e-mail the faculty asking for constructive comments on how to improve the search process.

**University Curriculum Committee:** Rashidah Muhammad reported that she would temporarily resume her former role as chairperson of the University Curriculum Committee while Beth Parin recovers from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

**Academic Program Review Committee:** Barbara Winicki gave a brief report from the Academic Program Review Committee.

**Educational Policies Committee:** Paul Blobaum reported that the Educational Policies Committee had recently met; however, there was no formal report.

**IBHE FAC Report:** Becky Wojcik left a written report from the Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Committee and reported that the University Assessment Committee had not recently met.

**Executive Committee:** Because the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate did not have a quorum at its last meeting, there was no report from this group.

**New Business:** The senators discussed whether there had been a quorum at the June meeting because only eleven senators were listed on the roll. When it was noted that Senator Klomes had attended but was not listed on the roll, this problem was resolved.

It was suggested that the Survey of Faculty Concerns that is currently posted on the internet could be removed and the data analyzed. Lyon said that he would do this.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Lyon