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Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes October 18, 2007

Senators (Present = X):

<u>X</u> Emmanuel Alozie	<u>X</u> T. Kelly	<u>X</u> L. Proudfit
<u>X</u> P. Blobaum	<u>X</u> T. Kim (new)	<u>X</u> W. Rudloff
<u>X</u> M. Clark	<u>X</u> J. Klomes	<u>X</u> A. Sanders
<u>X</u> E. Essex	<u>X</u> N. Lu (new)	<u>X</u> J. Simon
<u>X</u> P. Guimond	<u>X</u> G. Lyon	<u>X</u> C. Tymkow
<u> </u> D. Green	<u> </u> C. Mietlicki	<u>X</u> E. Wignall (new)
<u>X</u> H. Heino	<u>X</u> R. Muhammad	<u>X</u> B. Winicki
<u>X</u> M. Kasik	<u>X</u> B. Parin	<u>X</u> J. Zhao

Guests: President Elaine Maimon, Gebeyehu “Gebe” Ejigu, Emmanuel Alozie, Diane Dates Casey, Lisa Hendrickson, Marsha Katz, Joseph Matula, Colleen Rock- Cawthon, Rebecca Wojcik, Peggy Woodard, Adam Zagelbaum

1. Meeting began at 1:07. Certificate of appreciation for service to Senate Committees was presented to Colleen Rock-Cawthon.

2. Minutes of September 29, 2007, meeting.

Senator stated that election proceedings should be recorded in the minutes. B. Winicki noted that the Senate Secretary was not present during the elections. M. Kasik moved to table the minutes. E. Essex seconded. Minutes were tabled with voice vote. Motion to have Senators submit information about the election proceedings to C. Mietlicki made by M. Clark; seconded by E. Essex. Approved with voice vote.

3. Appointment of new senators and senate committee members.

- Senate vacancies filled. CHP: Ning Lu and Tae Hyun Kim and University Library/University College: Eric Wignall. Approved by voice vote.
- Educational Policy -- Adam Zagelbaum and Shannon Dermer. Paul Blobaum noted that chair of EPC should be a senator, but the only member who is a senator is unable to serve as chair. Adam Zagelbaum was named chair by exception.
- University Personnel Committee – Emmanuel Alozie and Catherine Brady.
- A. Sanders moved that these nominees be approved and C. Tymkow seconded. Approved by voice vote.

4. President’s Report, Elaine Maimon

President Maimon reported that the letter-writing campaign to the state legislature for funding the E and F Wings renovation is being headed by Dean Eric Martin. She stated that three meetings with students had been held, and

they were well attended. Plans for Installation week events include panel discussions and displays of student and faculty work. Representatives from 40 colleges/universities are expected to attend. The Installation will be a celebration of GSU's past, present, and future. President Maimon's speech will focus on seven imperatives for GSU.

5. Interim Provost's Report, Peggy Woodard

Interim Provost Woodard reported that she had interviewed candidates for Assistant Provost, and an announcement will be made next week. She noted that there were excellent candidates and the decision was difficult. Interim Provost Woodard will attend the next meetings of the standing committees to discuss gaps in supports created when Lisa Hendrickson moved to CAS. Interim Provost Woodard stated that the doctorate in Nursing Practice and DOT proposals will be before the IHBE in December, and fall 2008 admissions are expected. A proposal for a cross-discipline doctorate in leadership is being developed. Pam Zener will report to the Senate about the new admissions processes. An orientation session for new faculty will be held on October 24.

6. Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff's Report, Gebeyehu Ejigu

Dr. Ejigu reported that PBAC committee membership is being adjusted to include Faculty Senate appointments. Four subcommittees have met. The goal is to have a transparent, open decision-making process. Dr. Ejigu reported that the Safety Walk, under the leadership of Gary Lyon, found 33 items of concern. Some corrections have already been made. Dr. Ejigu stated that the Why Not? Campaign has resulted in many constructive suggestions, and a team is working on evaluating and responding to them. Dr. Ejigu reported that four candidates for the VP of Advancement will be interviewed, and it is hoped that a selection will be made in a few weeks. Dr. Ejigu stated that the new search process manual will result in a more efficient process in which deans and vice presidents have authority; ten training sessions are planned. Dr. Ejigu reported on the planned change in date for commencement for students who finish in December, 2008. The suggested date is December 13. Other calendar issues discussed included changing the June commencement date and adjusting the start of the spring/summer session to accommodate students from other universities. The Registrar will be scheduled to meet with the Senate Executive Committee and the full Senate.

7. Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee (Parin)

October 26, 2007, is the deadline for catalogue changes. The forms are available online. See the written report for further details.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Sanders)

The APRC has a large number of IBHE reports this year, so it is important that programs' submissions be made in a timely manner. The CBPA position on APRC has been filled by Theodore Alex.

Educational Policies Committee (Zagelbaum)

Policies to be reviewed are: 14 (academic standing), 19 (readmission), and 26 (grading).

UAC/(Wojcik)

No report

IBHE (Wojcik)

See written report.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)

They are still working on equity; there is a problem with data on lecturers. A holiday party is planned. Dr. Katz reported that issues before the Labor Management Committee include: cohorts; cues for doctoral courses; support for scholarship, including reimbursement for travel, and distribution of scholarship cues. Dr. Katz reported that this year language regarding funding for travel to conferences is in the contract. (A discussion of the variation of funding for travel across colleges followed.)

Executive Committee (Blobsaum)

President Blobsaum reported that the Executive Committee had met with Dean Linda Sampson regarding possible changes in committee structures in order to prepare for HLC. Administrative support for Faculty Senate committees was discussed, and Interim Provost Woodard will attend the next meetings of the UCC, APRC, and EPC. Suggested guidelines for conducting the election of officers have been developed (see attached). A senator noted that the May elections may be too late to comply with the Bylaws. Another senator stated that the Items 3 and 4 in the guidelines would require amending the Bylaws. The guidelines were tabled for discussion during the next Executive Committee meeting.

8. New Business

(Note: These were very briefly discussed due to lack of time.)

Calendar: A senator noted the continuing problems with providing all faculty members with two consecutive months off-campus, as the contract states. The new Registrar, Carol Cortilet, should be notified about all calendar-related concerns.

Faculty Senate web page: Katie Cox has offered to update the web page.

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Other: A senator suggested that the idea of having a budget for Faculty Senate and its committees be discussed during the next Senate Executive Committee meeting.

Senator Rudloff read his poem, "Why Not?".

Next Senate Meeting is November 15, 2007

Adjournment 3:03

Respectfully submitted
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