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# GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

## Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes January 17, 2008

### Senators (Present = X):

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

**Guests:** President Elaine Maimon, Executive Vice President Gebeyehu “Gebe” Ejigu, Lisa Hendrickson, Marsha Katz, Karen Kissel, Sandra Mayfield, Jeff Slovak, Joan Vaughan, Adam Zagelbaum

### 1. Call to Order, Announcements, Introductions – President Blobaum

- Call to Order at 1:05 p.m. There was not a quorum at this time.
- Joan Vaughan, new Vice President of Institutional Advancement, GSU alumna, was welcomed. Vaughan will be responsible for fund raising, alumni relations, and building relationships with businesses, corporate supporters, and foundations.

### 2. Administration Updates and Reports

- **President’s Update (Dr. Maimon)**
  - Presidents Climate Commitment – American College and University presidents gathered to express their concerns and make a commitment to exercise leadership on issues about the unprecedented scale and speed of global warming and its potential for large-scale, adverse health, social, economic and ecological effects. See handout for further information.
  - Center for Performing Arts – Karen Reed, chair and founder is stepping down. This change on the board will hopefully lead to closer coordination with funding sources and integration with the GSU community.
  - Early voting has started. Buttons are available urging everyone to vote. Faculty should discuss with students the importance of voting.
- **Executive Vice President’s Update (Dr. Ejigu)**
  - PBAC is planning their presentation to the board as a result of their work so far.

- Faculty have 24/7 access to the building and their offices when GSU is closed, but DPS must be mindful of maintaining security. Visitors are restricted when the university is closed. Staff must have approval from their supervisors.
- Food services: the contract with Sodexo is “exclusive” and they have the right of “first refusal.”
- Candidates are being interviewed for the Chief of Police position.
- **PBAC Budget Update (Dr. Slovak)**
  - See PowerPoint handout for detailed information. Discussion on whether the raise should be so heavy on fees, which is almost tripled, or on tuition. President Maimon informed Senate that the state does not contribute to deferred maintenance. Slovak added that Public Act 90.0228 is a resident undergraduate fixed-rate on tuition, which means that a student’s tuition is fixed at the rate of what he/she came in with for four years. The law does not put a cap on fees. The infrastructure of GSU is crumbling and in places is currently unsafe. Students will be informed of the raise in fees via the *Phoenix* and forums to be held next week.

### **3. Approval of minutes.**

A quorum was present at 2:15. December minutes were approved, with the correction that June Zhao was not present.

### **4. Discussion of Faculty Concerns Regarding the Graduate Studies Council (Dr. Mayfield)**

The charge is to have a collaborative and advising role with Provost Hudak, to address HLC’s concerns, to review information, and national models of graduate education. Mayfield has ordered booklets to guide the Council. GSC wants more Senate involvement and as much faculty input as possible. Heino, Meitlicki, and Klomes volunteered to serve on the Council from their representative colleges.

### **5. Committee Reports Bargaining Unit (Katz)**

- Katz will attend lobby day, April 9. A bus is going to Springfield for anyone wanting to talk to our delegates from the House.
- Parking-fees will be doubled. A court case said parking is a mandatory bargaining issue. This issue is under discussion.

### **IBHE (Wojcik)**

No report

### **UAC (Wojcik)**

No report

**UCC (Parin)**

No report

**APRC (APRC) (Sanders)**

No report

**Educational Policies Committee (Zagelbaum)**

No report

**Executive Committee (Blobaum)**

No report

**6. Old Business**

No report

**7. New Business**

- John Stoll – PBAC is asking for 4 Senators to go to a focus group on Friday.
- Susan Rakstang – Architects and master plan are gathering information of visions and goals for land, dorms, etc. Meeting is next Friday also.

**Next Senate Meeting is February 21, 2008**

**Adjournment**

3:05

Respectfully submitted  
Connie Mietlicki, Ph.D.

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