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**Governors State University  
Faculty Senate  
Minutes December 17, 2009**

**Senators (Present = X):**

<u>    </u> E. Alozie	<u>  X  </u> S. Gandy	<u>    </u> R. Muhammad	<u>  X  </u> B. Winicki
<u>  X  </u> P. Blobaum	<u>    </u> D. Green	<u>    </u> B. Parin	<u>  X  </u> R. Wojcik
<u>    </u> M. Bruce	<u>  X  </u> H. Heino	<u>  X  </u> W. Rudloff	
<u>  X  </u> M. Carrington	<u>  X  </u> R. James	<u>    </u> A. Sanders	
<u>  X  </u> D. Cepa	<u>  X  </u> T. Kelly	<u>  X  </u> A. Shekib	
<u>  X  </u> D. Cortese	<u>    </u> T. Kim	<u>  X  </u> C. Tymkow	
<u>  X  </u> B. Essex	<u>  X  </u> J. Klomes	<u>    </u> E. Wignall	

**Guests:** Provost David Curtis

**Call to Order**

Heino called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**Announcements**

Certificate of Appreciation presentation- Heino presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Blobaum for his years of service to the Faculty Senate.

Heino announced that Cox has updated the officers' pictures on the Faculty Senate website (e-mail message from Cox appended to these minutes). Blobaum introduced Cepa, a new senator representing CBPA, who was elected in a runoff election in November.

**Minutes**

Senators read and discussed approval of November minutes. A friendly amendment was proposed, that the phrase "Senators discussed implementation issues involved" be added to the Campus Threat Assessment Team report under new business. Wojcik moved that the minutes be approved as amended, and Tymkow seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as amended.

**Faculty Reports**

**Bargaining Unit**

No report.

**Educational Policies Committee (EPC)**

Essex, EPC Chair, reported that EPC is waiting on some policies that are being processed through the Provost's office. One of these policies is the grading policy, for which legal council is suggesting some changes. Curtis clarified that the suggested changes are not content changes, but formatting changes. The Provost's office is working on a revision of Policy 36, which will be sent to EPC for review. EPC also is considering policy addressing tenure and promotion for administrators. Woodard currently is trying to find similar policies from other schools. In addition, the Provost has asked EPC for a priority list of policies needing action in order to be approved.

**IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (IBHE FAC)**

Shekib distributed a paper copy of IBHE FAC report (appended to these minutes). The last meeting was December 4 in Springfield. Judy Erwin, the Executive Director of IBHE, spoke on several

issues, including the Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success (appended to these minutes and also available on-line), which identified a “prosperity gap” in Illinois with respect to access to higher education and economic opportunities. She also talked about the governor’s signing of a bill authorizing bond sales to fund higher education and construction projects. The state is expected to offer bonds for sale after the first of the year. After the Executive Director’s talk, four working groups were formed, with each group to focus on one goal identified in the Public Agenda for College and Career Success. Shekib’s team is to focus on the goal, “Integrate Education Research and Innovative Assets.” The next IBHE FAC meeting will be at GSU on Friday, January 22. The day before the meeting, on Thursday, there will be a tour of the campus and dinner for meeting attendees. Shekib said that up to seven people from GSU can join the dinner, and suggested that one faculty member representing each college be present. Senators decided that Cortese from CAS, Wojcik from CHHS, Heino from CBPA Klomes from COE will attend the dinner.

### **University Curriculum Committee (UCC)**

No report.

### **Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)**

Gandy reported that APRC considered the proposed Industrial Computing program. Senators discussed the procedure by which new programs, such as Industrial Computing, are initiated, whether such programs are initiated by faculty or administrators, and whether faculty potentially impacted by new programs have sufficient input during initiation and consideration of new programs. Heino asked senators to think about possible solutions to these perceived problems related to formation of new programs.

Gandy reported that APRC also discussed ways to keep track of, and make more transparent, progress of proposed programs and curricula through APRC and other committees such as UCC. For example, something could be set up on-line that could be used by both APRC and UCC. Mayfield has told APRC that she will set up a mailbox for APRC and UCC.

### **Graduate Studies Council**

No report.

### **Executive Committee**

**Retreat, all senators and Board of Trustees:** Heino reported that the Board of Trustees will hold a retreat on January 29, to which it has invited all senators (e-mail from Perdue appended to these minutes). The board has asked senators to set the agenda which will be done at the next Faculty Senate meeting on January 21.

**Revised governance policies (Board of Trustees meeting, 12/11/09):** At the last Executive Committee meeting, senators reviewed the Proposed Revisions to the Governing Policies of the GSU Board of Trustees (document and 11/23 e-mail from Perdue appended to these minutes). Heino and Winicki then met with Maimon, Ejigu and Curtis to discuss concerns such as deletion of any mention of a Faculty Constitution or a budget committee from the original policy, and perceived lack of adequate time for faculty to review and comment on the proposed revisions. The Board of Trustees met on December 11 and approved the Proposed Revisions to the Governing Policies of the GSU Board of Trustees, with no further changes.

First reading of Board of Trustees Governing Policies and Regulations with Regard to Human Resources Practices (BOT meeting 12/11/09)- The Board of Trustees did a first reading of the Board of Trustees Governing Policies and Regulations with Regard to Human Resources Practices

at their December 12 meeting (“Summary of Significant Changes...” appended to these minutes). They will have a second reading at their February meeting, and Perdue will ask faculty for comments on the proposed changes.

**Tracking progress of issues and items on the standing committees’ agendas:** Heino reported that the Executive Committee discussed establishing a common mailbox to be used by EPC, UCC and APRC. This would be a step toward making progress of new programs and curricula through committees more transparent, so that faculty control over curricula can be maintained. Heino asked the chairs of the three committees to formulate a proposal that will make progress toward this goal. Proposed meeting of all teaching faculty to share academic affairs concerns- Part of the next Faculty Senate meeting will be open to all faculty to voice academic affairs concerns. Although Faculty Senate meetings always are open to all faculty, a special invitation will be extended to faculty to attend the January 21 meeting to voice concerns.

## **Administration Reports**

### **President Report**

No report.

### **Provost Report**

**HLC report:** Curtis reported that GSU received the written document summarizing results from the HLC accreditation visit on December 8. The report recommended that GSU be accredited for the next ten years. Although the report overall was good, several problems were identified, including problems with materials storage and housekeeping in the science laboratories, and work need in institution-wide assessment. HLC may conduct a focus visit on assessment in three years. An alternative option, however, may be that several people from GSU attend an Assessment Academy.

**Provost search:** After on-campus interviews of the provost candidates, Maimon is exercising due diligence on the candidates. An announcement on any decision made is expected during the first or second week of January.

**E/F wing renovations:** No new developments.

### **Executive Vice President Report**

No report.

## **New Business**

**Academic calendar:** Heino distributed copies of the new two semester academic calendar, to go into effect during Fall 2010 (copy of calendar appended to these minutes). Senators discussed potential ramifications of the change from trimesters to semesters.

**Appointments:** CBPA representative to Executive Committee- Bruce has volunteered to be the CBPA representative to the Executive Committee. Blobaum moved that Bruce be appointed, and Essex seconded the motion. Bruce was appointed by unanimous voice vote.

Senate Parliamentarian- Blobaum volunteered to be Senate Parliamentarian. A motion was made and seconded to appoint him. Blobaum was appointed Senate Parliamentarian by unanimous voice vote.

Alternate to IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee- Fu-Giles from CAS and Fontana of CBPA are both running for alternate to IBHE FAC. Senators discussed appointed both as alternates. A motion was made and seconded to appoint both Fu-Giles and Fontana as alternates to the IBHE FAC. Fu-Giles and Fontana were appointed alternates by unanimous voice vote. If Shekib is

unable to attend an IBHE FAC meeting, she will first contact Fontana, and then Fu-Giles, to substitute.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

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**From:** Cox, Catherine  
**Sent:** Mon 12/14/2009 10:35 AM  
**To:** Heino, Heikki  
**Cc:** Blobaum, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: Faculty Senate Meeting December 17, 1-3 pm McGee Hall of Honors

Dear Heikki and Paul,

I took the liberty of substituting a “standard-sized” photo of Dr. Heino on the Faculty Senate website at <http://www.govst.edu/facultysenate/>. I also added photos of Drs. Winicki and Carrington. Finally, I linked their photos and names to their respective smart forms.

For example: <http://www.govst.edu/cbpa/faculty/detail.aspx?id=32414>

We’re trying to store photos of faculty members in one spot in the CMS database, so that if a photo is updated, we can simply overwrite the image file, and it will be updated everywhere it appears on the GSU website.

Dr. Heino: If you have an updated photo of yourself, could you please send it to me via email? The photo that is currently displayed is pixilated, and it doesn’t do you justice.

Thanks.  
Katie Cox