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**Governors State University  
Faculty Senate  
Minutes January 21, 2010**

**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>  X  </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>    </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, Ralph Bell, Sondra Estep, Tony Fontana, Edna Fry, Susan Gaffney, George Garrett, Maribeth Kasik, Marsha Katz, Ginger Kosmoski, Marian Marion

**1. Call to Order and Welcome to Visitors**

Heino called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm and welcomed the visitors.

**2. Approval of December 2009 Minutes**

Senators read and discussed approval of December minutes. A friendly amendment was proposed, that within the EPC report in the minutes, the sentence addressing Policy 36 be changed to “The Provost’s office is working on a revision of Policy 36, which will be sent to EPC for review.” Winicki moved that the minutes be approved as amended, and Bruce seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as amended.

**3. Administration Updates and Reports**

**President Report**

No report.

**Provost Report**

**Provost search:** GSU has a new provost, Dr. Terry Allison, currently Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at California State University Los Angeles. He will be visiting GSU February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. He’ll meet with the Provost’s Council on the 18th, and on the 19<sup>th</sup> will meet with the Provost Search Committee. Dr. Allison will officially begin employment at GSU in July.

**HLC report:** GSU will apply to HLC to take part in Academy for Assessment of Student Learning. If the application is accepted, the Academy will be in lieu of an HLC focus visit. The application is due mid May, and Academy sessions will begin in November. The Academy is a four year program. A senator asked for details on the assessment problem identified by HLC at GSU. Curtis replied that HLC had reported that assessment of student outcomes is uneven throughout GSU.

**IL higher education budget:** Little information is available, but the administration is thinking about a possible worst case scenario. GSU currently has received 2/3 of money owed by the state.

**Executive Vice President Report**

No report.

#### **4. Faculty Reports**

##### **Bargaining Unit**

Katz reported that contract negotiations are continuing. The union will have an open meeting in February, with date and time to be announced soon.

##### **Educational Policies Committee (EPC)**

Essex reported that EPC will be meeting on second and fourth Thursdays, 11:00 – 1:45, in D34011. EPC is continuing to work on Policy 26, the grading policy. Changes proposed by university counsel may be more than formatting changes. EPC will send the policy first to the Executive Committee. EPC also has received a revised Policy 36 (CEEL) from the Provost's office that it will consider.

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

Shekib had no report, because the IBHE FAC has had no meeting since the December Senate meeting.

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

No report.

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

Gandy reported that APRC recommended approval of a new dual degree program in Accounting. The degree will be aimed at students who will finish the program on an accelerated schedule and earn a dual bachelors/master's degree. Gandy also reported that APRC now has a physical mailbox in the Provost's office. APRC documents should be sent to this mailbox. She also said that there is a misconception that new programs have to go UCC first. Actually, new programs can be considered simultaneously by UCC and APRC.

##### **Graduate Studies Council**

No report.

##### **Executive Committee**

Heino reported that the Board of Trustees will hold a retreat on January 29, to which it has invited all senators. The retreat will be located in the basement of the G wing, and will start at noon. At the last Executive committee meeting President Maimon discussed hybrid on-line master's degrees. Proposed changes to the university copyright policy are contained within the "Notice of Proposed Revisions to the Regulations of the Governors State University Board of Trustees," which Heino distributed to Executive committee members at its last meeting.

#### **5. Faculty Forum (Unit A and B faculty in attendance only)**

Heino made an opening statement in which he affirmed that GSU historically has operated under the shared governance model of university governance. He stated that in order for shared governance to operate, faculty must have academic freedom. As part of academic freedom, faculty must have control over academic curricula; the scholarship process; faculty hiring, promotion and tenure; admission standards and graduation requirements. He then opened the floor for faculty to voice their academic issues and concerns.

A lengthy discussion ensued, during which senators and faculty visitors discussed numerous academic concerns. Common concerns identified that seem to be university-wide included 1) lack of consistency in administrators' following academic policies, 2) unilateral decision making by

administrators and 3) administrators ignoring agreed-upon academic policies and procedures. A senator suggested that the Senate draft a strong resolution voicing these concerns. After more discussion on wording of the resolution, a resolution was drafted (appended to these minutes). A motion was made and seconded that the resolution be adopted by the Senate. The motion passed by a unanimous vote at 3:25 by all senators present, and is appended to these minutes. Several senators had left the meeting before the time of the vote.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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## **RESOLUTION**

THE FACULTY SENATE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN ITS JANUARY 21, 2010 MEETING

WHEREAS, THE FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERS ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND COOPERATIVE GOVERNMENT THE MOST IMPORTANT CONCEPTS IN ACADEMIC LIFE, AND THE FACULTY AT LARGE HAS CONCLUDED THAT DOCUMENTED PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOR BY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT VIOLATE THESE CONCEPTS HAVE OCCURRED. THE BEHAVIORS INCLUDE:

- UNILATERAL DECISION MAKING;
- NON-CONSULTATION WITH TENURED FACULTY, INCLUDING WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROGRAMS;
- AND LACK OF COMPLIANCE WITH ESTABLISHED POLICIES AND ESTABLISHED PRACTICES.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY EXPRESSES ITS SEVERELY REDUCED CONFIDENCE IN THE ADMINISTRATORS AT ALL LEVELS.