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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate
Minutes April 15, 2010**

Senators (Present = X):

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

Guests: President Elaine Maimon, Interim Provost David Curtis, Dr. Terry Allison, Marsha Katz, Colleen Rock

Call to Order and Welcome to Visitors

Heino called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm and welcomed the visitors.

Approval of February and March 2010 Minutes

The Senate reviewed the February 18, 2010 meeting minutes. Heino requested corrections as follow: 1) change Colleen Rock’s last name from “Rock-Cawthon” to Rock; 2) page 2, item 4, line 9: add “as well as” after the word calendar—it would then be “events will appear on the events calendar as well as on the Diversity. . .”; and 3) page 2, item 4, line 16: change the word “Senate” to “university”—it would then be “a standing university committee.” Shekib moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Winicki seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The Senate reviewed the March 18, 2010 meeting minutes. Tymkow moved to approve the minutes. Shekib seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Faculty Reports

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (IBHE FAC)

Shekib distributed written reports from the March 19 and April 6 IBHE FAC meetings. She reported that the group agreed that faculty have to be involved and express their opinions. The UIUC Chancellor discussed the budget at the March 19 meeting. The UIUC Senate includes faculty, students, and academic support professionals. There were discussions about in-class vs. online courses, e-textbooks, and student evaluations. IBHE invited the FAC to a luncheon meeting on April 6. Several issues were discussed, including the “adopt a legislator” program. IBHE encouraged the faculty to talk to their legislators. Chicago State University was given a two year “warning” to improve graduation rates. However, studies indicate that minority students need a longer period of time to earn their degrees.

Heino stated that the Faculty Senate bylaws may include a provision for student and staff participation. Some of the issues presented at the FAC meetings (online education and graduation rates) will need to be discussed with the new Provost.

Introduction

Dr. Terry Allison was introduced. Dr. Allison accepted the position of Provost at GSU and will begin July 1.

University Curriculum Committee (UCC)

Heino reported that Carol Cortilet-Albrecht is finalizing the new catalog. UCC has not met in the last three weeks.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)

Gandy reported that APRC is working on the IBHE cyclical program reviews. UCC approved the updated curriculum for the BSN program. Since there was not a quorum, no action was taken at the last APRC meeting.

Educational Policies Committee (EPC)

Essex reported that the President approved Policy 4, *Student Conduct Code Policy and Procedures*, and Policy 5, *Student Grievance Policy and Procedures*. Interim policies 6, *Withdrawal*; 13, *Academic Amnesty*; 32, *Continuing Student Status*; and 59, *Full-Time Status for Graduate Students* were posted. The interim policies were revised to reflect the changes that will result from the change to the academic calendar. EPC will review the interim policies and make recommendations for final ones. EPC is reviewing the policy regarding promotion and tenure for administrators. EPC members are individually reviewing different policies; the intent is to review all the policies. Mayfield and Curtis, Provost's Office, have been attending the meetings, and it has helped move policies forward.

Graduate Studies Council

Winicki reported that the Council is working on Policy 16, *Graduate Studies*, and is communicating the progress to EPC.

Bargaining Unit

Katz reported that the new faculty contract was ratified by a 2/3 vote (approximately one half of the members voted). The contract is being proofed; then it will be signed and posted. Katz encouraged everyone to attend a Rally Day in Springfield on April 21. UPI stuffed mailboxes with postcards to legislators; please send the postcards. The Labor Management Team met to begin discussions about CUE guidelines, minima, and clinical doctoral programs. There will be a UPI party April 22 in the FOC atrium, 3:30-6:00. A Senator asked if the committee discussions about CUE guidelines will be in closed sessions (like the contract negotiations). Katz responded that those discussions should be more open than the negotiations, but the ground rules have not been agreed upon. It was suggested that the CUE value for faculty teaching students who are classified under the "continued registration" category be included in the CUE guideline discussions.

Executive Committee

No run-off elections are needed. The Senate will only have two Senate positions vacant in September (one in CHHS and one in CAS). Muhammad volunteered to continue as a Senator for CAS. The APRC will have one vacancy (CBPA). The UCC will have two vacancies (one for CHHS and one for UL/DLMD). The EPC and UPC are filled. The APERC will have one vacancy (CHHS). The Senate appointments to the IRB are filled. Heino will send the roster to the faculty.

Appointment of Unit A faculty to fill vacancies for the remaining of AY09/10: Heino informed the Senate that Jung-ah Choi, COE, volunteered to fill an at-large position on UCC (2009-11). Blobaum moved to appoint Jung-ah Choi to UCC. Shekib seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Heino informed the Senate that Jennifer Beebe, COE, volunteered to fill an at-large position on UCC (2010-12). Blobaum moved to appoint Jennifer Beebe to UCC. Shekib seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Board of Trustees will have a second reading for proposed changes in the Human Resources Policies and Regulations of the BOT. The Senators had no specific concerns about the changes.

Gail Bradshaw, Chair of the “Happiness and Joy Committee,” requested that the Senate appoint someone to sit on the committee.

Other New Business

A Senator asked if the University Research Grants (URGs) will continue to be funded. When a decision is made, Curtis will let the Senate know. Maimon stated that the administration will support faculty research and travel as much as possible, based on available funding.

Administration Updates and Reports

President Report

Maimon reported that the GSU Trustees will vote to ratify the UPI contract at the April 16 meeting. It is likely that they will approve it. Maimon noted that Dr. Terry Allison, incoming Provost, served as President of an Academic Senate. Regarding the promotion/tenure of administrators, the standards have to be the same as the faculty standards. GSU received \$13.7 million in competitive grants this year. COE and CAS collaborated to write a grant that was funded for \$7.1 million by the Department of Education. The grant is to expand and refine teaching programs designed to raise student achievement and improve instruction. The Health Care Grant puts GSU at the nexus of the community in health care. The HLC report was received. It now has to be certified and should be available for distribution toward the end of the academic year.

In terms of Illinois and the budget, there is continued uncertainty. For FY11, it is expected that the public universities will have a 6.2% reduction from FY10. GSU is preparing for the fiscal challenge through the PBAC process and analysis. GSU was the only university with a business plan on the revenue side, and it is in keeping with GSU’s mission. In a year to year comparison, total student credit hours are up. A request for a tuition increase of 5.8% will be presented to the Board on April 16. There will also be a request to increase the career and counseling fee by two dollars. Maimon reported that the Student Trustee supports the fee increase and would like to see the career counseling services expanded. Maimon testified before the House that GSU’s average class size is 14, which is unsustainably low. The administration would like to increase the average class size to 16-17.

GSU had a dual admission agreement signing with Kankakee Community College (KCC). Maimon would like to move in the direction of 2+2+2 plans (high school, community college, GSU) since some students begin taking community college courses while still in high school. On April 30, GSU will host a Community College Counselor Day. In addition to the regular activities of the day, twelve community college presidents will come to campus to sign an agreement to work together to support student success and degree completion. One of GSU’s goals is to offer seamless transfers for community college students.

Provost Report

Curtis reported that the HLC Assessment Academy will be offered, and GSU will apply. Elizabeth Ruiz was selected to participate in the China initiative. Currently, the Chinese students are in the business fields (graduate education), but the intent is to expand to other majors. A Senator suggested that GSU focus on other countries, in addition to China.

Dr. Terry Allison briefly spoke about some of his experiences in higher education. He worked at an institution that began as an upper-level university, he worked at an institution with a rapidly growing urban population, he worked with very diverse populations, he worked in a union environment, and he was active in an Academic Senate. Allison stated that faculty governance is critical to the success of a university. Faculty governance can be efficient and effective. As Provost, Allison is looking forward to working with the whole university. Allison will bring a positive style of listening and communicating to GSU. Heino thanked Allison for his comments and stated that the faculty is looking forward to open, honest communication with the provost. The faculty has some issues to discuss and want to build a relationship based on trust and common goals. Allison will be back on campus April 30 to attend the Community College Counselor Day. He will attend the PBAC hearings on May 26 and 27 and will be on campus the following week for deliberations. He will begin as Provost on July 1.

Executive Vice President Report

No report.

Adjournment

Muhammad moved to adjourn. Shekib seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.