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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate
Minutes May 20, 2010**

Senators (Present = X):

<u> </u> E. Alozie	<u> X </u>	S. Gandy	<u> </u> B. Parin
<u> </u> P. Blobaum	<u> X </u>	D. Green	<u> X </u> W. Rudloff
<u> X </u> M. Bruce	<u> </u>	H. Heino	<u> </u> A. Sanders
<u> X </u> M. Carrington	<u> </u>	R. James	<u> </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	

Guests: President Elaine Maimon, Marsha Katz, David Corcoran

1. Call to Order and Welcome to Visitors

Winicki called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm and welcomed the visitors.

2. Approval of April 2010 Minutes

Winicki thanked Ms. Colleen Rock for preparing the April meeting minutes. The Senate reviewed the April 15, 2010 meeting minutes. Muhammad moved to approve the minutes as written. Essex seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed by a unanimous voice vote.

3. Administration Updates and Reports

President Report

President Maimon reported that Provost Curtis is currently on vacation, with Woodard standing in while he is gone. She said that Allison is increasingly taking on provost responsibilities before his official July 1 start date. He is helping with planning for a Title III grant, and will attend PBAC meetings starting next Wednesday at 10 am, and continuing into Thursday (11 am start). Maimon said that money that is appropriated by the state will not necessarily come to GSU as reimbursements. GSU's only certain income is from tuition and fees. Therefore, increased enrollments must occur, which are part of the university's mission, strategic plan and financial plan. Maimon reported that the state currently owes GSU \$7 million. She does not expect to receive the reimbursement before the end of this fiscal year. How to deal with the uncertain fiscal environment will be discussed during the PBAC meeting. Maimon stressed, however, that GSU is better off financially than other Illinois public universities.

President Maimon then asked for questions and comments from senators. A senator mentioned that the University of Illinois recently raised tuition by 9%, and asked how this tuition hike compares to GSU. Maimon replied that GSU's combined tuition and mandatory fee increase was the lowest in the state. Tuition increased by 5.8%. Eight of nine mandatory fees were unchanged, and the career counseling fee increased by \$2.00/semester. GSU's tuition and mandatory fees remain the lowest in the state.

President Maimon then announced that the University Convocation will be Thursday, August 26, before the start of Fall semester classes. In the past, Convocation has been in September, after the start of classes. Maimon mentioned that because faculty will be on contract beginning August 15 (note: the correct date by which faculty will be on contract is August 23), they should be able to attend convocation; however, she would understand if some faculty would not be able to attend due to transition in their work/vacation schedules from the old schedule to the new semester schedule.

President Maimon and senators then discussed upcoming farewell parties for Curtis and Martin. A senator asked if a search committee has been formed for selection of a new CAS dean. Maimon replied that the university has submitted a call for proposals for a search consultant, but a search committee has not yet been formed. A senator asked if D’Arcy would serve as acting dean for a full academic year. Maimon said, “yes.” She hopes to have a new dean selected by January. If selection occurs later than January, however, July 1 could be an acceptable start date for a new dean.

4. Faculty Reports

Bargaining Unit

Katz reported that the paperwork for the new contract has been signed, and the new contract should be official in a couple of weeks. She reviewed a few changes in the new contract. One change is to the grievance procedure. Instead of the first step in the grievance procedure being a hearing, it now will be an informal review, to try to reach a settlement before going to grievance with a hearing officer from the administration. Another change in the contract is that faculty will receive extra pay for teaching during the summer term, unless the faculty’s 24-cue teaching load is spread over all three academic terms.

Senators then discussed Maimon’s moving the date of the convocation up from September to August, before classes start. Senators were concerned that some faculty would be unable to attend due to the transition from the old to new academic schedule. Kelly made a motion that Winicki send a statement to President Maimon from the Faculty Senate asking her to consider moving the Convocation date to after the start of classes, so that students may attend. Rudloff seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Winicki will send a statement to President Maimon, and will forward it to all senators.

Educational Policies Committee (EPC)

Essex reported that EPC is continuing to work on revising Policy 36 (CEEL). She said that today, Buyer gave her a new policy on student e-mail. Another senator said that this is a policy that would make student GSU e-mail accounts the official form of communication with students. It would be the student’s responsibility to manage his/her account, and to forward messages to his/her other e-mail accounts. GSU IT personnel might possibly clean out full inboxes periodically. Senators discussed the pros and cons of such a policy, and discussed whether periodic cleaning out of full inboxes should be allowed.

Essex said she was unsure of how much EPC will be able to accomplish during the summer, because the committee often does not have a quorum present during the summer. A senator suggested that the Senate discuss the issue of committees meeting during the summer, especially in light of the new contract and semester schedule. Another senator suggested that changing the rules for a quorum may allow committees to accomplish more during the summer. Winicki suggested that during the next Senate meeting, senators develop a list of issues to discuss with the new provost. Results of a survey of all faculty might be incorporated into such a list. Another senator suggested that issues to discuss with the provost be prioritized. Senators also discussed the upcoming meeting (next Monday) on cue guidelines. Katz will attend, and Winicki will ask about timing of faculty time off this summer under the new contract.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (IBHE FAC)

No report.

University Curriculum Committee (UCC)

No report.

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)

Gandy reported that APRC had 11 program reviews to do this year. Currently, it has made decisions on seven of those reviews. The B.A. in Social Science was flagged for priority review due to low graduation rates. APRC has scheduled weekly meetings to complete the remaining four reviews. In some cases, however, the committee is waiting for revisions from programs. New APRC business includes the B.A. in Business Entrepreneurship proposing a new specialization, and requesting a name change (dropping “Innovation” from the name). In addition, APRC has some new committee members. Shabaan is replacing Alex for the remainder of the year. Brady will immediately begin attending meetings, although she officially begins as a committee member during Fall semester.

Graduate Studies Council

Cortese reported that the Graduate Studies Council is continuing to work on disaggregating Policy 16. It currently is working on new Policy 16E, Graduate Requirements. After the disaggregation of Policy 16 is completed, the committee wants to look at the new policies holistically, to make sure that all policy in the old Policy 16 is translated to the new policies correctly. Senators discussed a recent e-mail from Dates Casey to Mayfield, requesting that the Graduate Studies Council review graduate curricula from current programs only after concerns with graduate issues have been raised by APRC or UCC. The Graduate Studies Council will continue to review new graduate programs. Senators discussed the logistics of communication in such cases among the Graduate Studies Council, APRC, UCC and the Provost’s office. One senator said that APRC and UCC should make final decisions on current graduate programs and curricula. Another senator said that all communication among the three committees should go through the Provost’s office.

Executive Committee

Winicki reported that one CHHS Faculty Senate vacancy remains, that should be filled in September. She said that although Muhammad was not on the most recent Senate membership list, she is a continuing senator. Heino, Winicki and Carrington will continue their two year terms as Senate officers.

6. New Business

No new business.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.