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Faculty Senate Meeting
February 21, 2013 1:00-3:00 PM
B1240
Minutes

Senators in Attendance:

	E. Alozie (AL/CAS)		O. Ijose (CBPA)	X	B. Parin (AL/CAS)*
X	K. Boland-Prom (CHHS)		R. James (CHHS)	X	V. Person (COE)
X	Y. Brown (CAS)		E. Johnson (CAS)		A. Tamulis (CAS)*
X	D. Cortese (CAS)*	X	V. Jones (CAS)		F. Tian (CBPA)*
X	E. Essex (CHHS)*	X	M. Kasik (COE)	X	C. Tymkow (CHHS)
	S. Gandy (AL/COE)*	X	J. Klomes (COE)*	X	R. Washington (CHHS)*
X	L. Geller (UL)*		C. Luo (CBPA)	X	B. Wilson (CAS)
X	D. Hechenberger (AL/COE)	X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)*	X	B. Winicki (COE)*

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Guests: T. Allison, G. Ejigu, A. Latham, P. Mizera

1. Call to order at 1:05 p.m. with quorum by Faculty Senate President Muhammad

Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda. Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Administrative Reports, Part 1:

Vice-President Ejigu and Associate Vice-President-ITS Mizera reported on construction projects and concerns about technology expressed at the Senate Executive Committee meeting. VP Ejigu stated that progress is being made in construction projects. The first phase of the science wing project is almost completed, and the hope is end of phase one by June 1. The second phase will be moving faculty and equipment into the space, and most space will be in use by the fall. The companion project of science labs funded by the National Science Foundation is ahead of schedule and should be ready by mid-May.

The other major project is student housing. The Board of Trustees has approved the bids for various parts of the project, and ground-breaking is scheduled for April 5. The plan is to have the housing ready for occupancy in August 2014. A smaller construction project is renovation of Egbertson Hall as a multi-use space; it should be completed by this fall.

VP Ejigu and Associate VP Mizera then addressed some issues raised during the Senate Executive Committee meeting on Feb. 7. Regarding students' complaints about parking, VP Ejigu stated that, since the beginning of Spring 2013, there have been shortage of parking, especially for 4:30 classes. He noted that the shortage is related to the E and F renovation project, which seems to have led students to prefer west lots. As a result, the east lot is about a third full at the same time as serious over crowding in west lots. In order to let students know about the routes they can take from the G building to the classrooms, his office has recently posted notices on the electronic bulletin boards, leaflets, and posters. Also, police officers are at the entrance to lots to direct traffic. VP Ejigu responded to questions, including one regarding the railroad crossing and Stunkel Road. He stated that there are some indications that there are funds to expand Stunkel from Cicero to University Parkway and a stop light.

Associate VP Mizera reported that his office has been working on issues regarding technology, particularly technology in "smart" classrooms. He stated that laminated information sheets will be placed in the classrooms and there will be training of new faculty during orientation sessions. VP Ejigu noted that there are 63 technology enhanced classrooms, and there is a range of age/sophistication of technology. Currently, 60% of classrooms are technology enhanced, and two or three are added each year. Associate VP Mizera said that the goal was to keep all classrooms the same with regard to technology, but over time the match can't be kept. The equipment in some rooms is 9 years old now, and there is a correlation between age of the equipment and the number of calls to the Help Desk. He stated that added staffing of the Help Desk at the beginning of each semester and staff use of cell phones to receive and answer calls have been implemented to provide timely responses. VP Ejigu and Associate VP Mizera responded to a question about internet connections by explaining that the volume of students attempting to connect to the internet has risen dramatically, and to increase the capacity to a comfortable level would require about \$1 million. VP Ejigu suggested that a small group be formed to work with Associate VP Mizera on long-term solutions.

(VP Ejigu and Associate VP Mizera left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.)

3. Administrative Reports, Part 2

Provost Allison reported that two reports to HLC had been completed and sent. He noted that the report had been edited to reflect the fact that the Senate's approval in January of the General Education Task Force's work did not include formal approval of the general education student learning outcomes listed in the Task Force's September 2012 report. He suggested that the Senate discuss those student learning outcomes as soon as possible. (See UCC below.) *Provost Allison* reported that the Lower-Division Steering Committee

had revised the language of the admissions criteria for freshmen so that is appropriate for policy; it has been forwarded to EPC. Also regarding first-year/freshmen students, Provost Allison noted that scheduling of classes for twice per week (Monday/Wednesday; Tuesday/Thursday) is preferred because of both classroom space and pedagogical reasons. Finally, Provost Allison reported that President Maimon had heard that some faculty believe she doesn't want full-time Unit A faculty to teach during the summer term due to costs involved; this is not true.

Associate Provost Latham provided a very brief report. She stated that the group working on e-portfolios has made some recommendations to the Provost's Office and is currently looking at vendors that would be able to provide integration of faculty portfolios, student portfolios, SEIs, etc.

Provost Allison and Associate Provost Latham responded to questions. The subjects of these questions included tracking of admissions documents and issues with Blackboard. Provost Allison stated that he would check with the Center for Online Learning about setting up a meeting of Blackboard users.

4. *Approval of January, 2013, Faculty Senate meeting minutes*: Senator Kasik made the motion to approve the minutes; Senator Cortese seconded. Edits proposed included deletion of the IBHE-FAC report attachment because the report was received after the January Senate meeting and striking a sentence from the paragraph on the General Education Task Force report. The minutes were approved by voice vote, unanimous except one abstention.
5. Faculty Reports:
 - *Educational Policy Committee*: E. Essex presented a proposed revision to Policy 46. She stated that the new version clarifies the coordination between the offices that work on grants and gifts, OSPR and the Development Office. Senator Klomes made the motion to approve; Senator Boland-Prom seconded. The policy revision was approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - *University Curriculum Committee*: B. Parin reported that the General Education Student Learning Outcomes is on the agenda for its meeting on Monday Feb. 25. She asked the Faculty Senate whether it would prefer looking at the General Education Student Learning Outcomes rather than have UCC review them. Provost Allison noted that there is some urgency on this because the learning outcomes and their alignment with specific courses must be included in the catalog. Also, the learning outcomes must be approved/in place for syllabi development. Faculty Senate President Muhammad stated that there is a problem because the Senate is not scheduled to meet during March due to GSU Spring Break. Senator Washington made the motion to hold a special meeting of the full Faculty Senate on March 7 when a Senate Executive Committee meeting was scheduled. Senator Klomes seconded. The vote was 13 in favor, 2 opposed, zero abstentions.

B. Parin reported that all IAI syllabi are due to UCC on March 25. She noted that Randi Scheider's office has offered to help with the development of these syllabi. New IAI outcomes and course descriptions that align with IAI are required. There is an expedited process for courses that have been reviewed by UCC in the last two years.

(Provost Allison and Associate Provost Latham left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.)

- *Academic Program Review Committee*: A written report from S. Gandy was read by B. Winicki. APRC has reviewed proposals for a BA in History and a minor in history; the former was denied because the committee did not find sufficient enrollment to justify a major; the latter will be approved with revisions. The following proposals have been approved by APRC: BA in Media Studies; ESL Endorsement certificate; Principal Leadership (name change only); Minor in Entrepreneurship; Concentration in Holistic Social Work Practice. The following reports to IBHE have been reviewed: MA in Reading; MS in Computer Science; MS in Environmental Biology. Gandy states that IBHE Program Reports were due to APRC on February 1, and they are still waiting for reports from English, Psychology, and Social Work. She also reports that there has been pressure for quick turn-around of some proposals.
- *Graduate Studies Council*: C. Tymkow reported that in November, the Graduate Council had approved the concept of having a policy regarding various types of graduate assistants (e.g., teaching assistants). At today's (Feb. 21) meeting, there was discussion of putting this in policy language; that language revision has not been completed. A second issue before the Graduate Council is about a possible "joint" M.A. program with common courses double counted. The new Policy 16 Graduate Studies doesn't have statement on this; Policy 30 Transfer Credit and the catalog do state that no double-counting is permitted. It appears that the Graduate Council will draft an amendment to Policy 16 with statement about minimum number of unduplicated hours for two degrees. Finally, Senator Tymkow reported on proposed legislation regarding Open-Access to Research in the Illinois State Senate.
- *IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee*: Two reports, December 2012 and Jan. 2013, were received from A. Shakib. There was a brief discussion about representative attendance at Senate meetings. Dr. Shakib will be invited to all Senate meetings, and she will be put in contact with the elected alternate representatives to IBHE-FAC.
- *Executive Committee*: Faculty Senate President Muhammad asked that faculty members encourage their students to attend the presentations by R. Ness on March 7 and 8. Also, Randi Schneider invites participation in IAI panels. There was a discussion of Faculty Senate elections. Faculty Senate Vice President Cortese noted that the current Senate Bylaws allow for electronic voting, but it would cost \$300-\$00 to do so in a way that ensures non-duplicate voting. He will have a report ready for the March 7 meeting of the Senate Executive Committee. Senators Brown, Kasik, and he have been working on proposed revisions to the Senate Bylaws, as well as drafting Standing Rules for the conduct of meetings.

6. *Bargaining Unit*: Senate President Muhammad reported that E. Ruiz held office hours today (Feb. 21) from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
7. Adjournment: 3:09 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Winicki, Faculty Senate Secretary

Attachments: IBHE FAC reports, December 2012 and January 2013

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

REPORT TO THE GSU SENATE FAC MEETING, DECEMBER 07, 2012 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

The FAC of the Illinois Board of Higher Education Meeting was held on Friday, December 07, 2012, at Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Illinois. Following, please find a brief report regarding the work of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Abbas Aminmansour, Chair, and Faculty Advisory Council at 8:35 AM, and thanked IBHE Staff representatives for hosting the meeting. Abbas indicated he wrote a letter to IBHE Chairwoman indicating that FAC's interest in participating in the search for a permanent IBHE Executive Director. He also indicated that he had a conversation with IBHE Interim Executive Director, Dr Harry Berman, regarding the faculty fellow program. Dr. Berman is supportive, they will follow up.

The Caucuses met.

Community Colleges Caucus: Giselle reported that they discussed ethics issues and nepotism.

Private Universities Caucus: Shawn reported that their caucus was joins by Eric Fisher. Dave Tretter will come by today and meet with the caucus at lunch.

Public Universities Caucus: Aida indicated that Public Caucus discussed pension and the latest legislative proposal.

Meister-Bertauski, IBHE Associate Director with primary responsibilities for P-20 and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) talked about higher education, the Common Core Standards, and college readiness. Cullen, the IBHE Interim Deputy Director for Academic Affairs indicated aligning the educational sectors is of interest along with an assessment tool. Meister stated that the Dual Credit Quality Act has tightened up the requirements. it was mentioned that Prairie State is aligning with high

schools on readiness and writing. The newer standards are narrower and deeper, and more in line with college expectations. Expectations of high school students are constantly changing.

Lackland, IBHE Deputy Director for External Relations went over some of the bills in Springfield and elements of the recent legislative proposal about pension. He indicated that over the past 15 years, funding for higher education was cut by 27.5%. FY 14 issues, include: pension, medicaid costs, performance based budget and the longitudinal data system.

Interim Executive Director Berman commented on the link between education, our economy and our security. He noted a carved phrase in the 1900-era conference room at Western Illinois University that reads "Education is the Chief Defense of Nations". He is supportive of our faculty fellowship program. He noted that we have to keep getting our message out.

Phillips presented "The Future Of Higher Education: Issues, Policy, and Trends". This was a look at the current situation and possible future in our field, Abbas will distribute Phillips' power point slides.

Following lunch, Cullen told us that implementations of changes in the program approval process are continuing. Bernoteit mentioned a partnership with IBSE looking at standards for evaluation of teachers and principles. Fisher had an issue as a program reviewer in Academic Affairs, he could use help in setting guidelines for "boutique" degrees.

The minutes from our November meeting were approved. The changes to our bylaws adding alternates for at-large positions were approved.

New business—Aida stated that the Public Caucus would like FAC to endorse the letter from the Presidents and Chancellors to the legislative leaders and the Governor. It was moved and seconded that FAC will endorse the letter. An agreement to suspend the rules to allow for consideration. The motion passed. Our endorsement will go to the legislative Leaders, the Governor, the IBHE, the Presidents and Chancellors, and Faculty Senates.

IBHE were thanked for hosting the meeting.

Adjournment was at 2:00 P.M.

Next meeting: January 18th, 2013 at Layola University, Chicago, Illinois.

Respectfully Submitted,
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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

REPORT TO THE GSU SENATE FAC MEETING, JANUARY 2013, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The FAC of the Illinois Board of Higher Education Meeting was held on Friday, January 18, 2013, on the Campus of Loyola University, Water Tower, Chicago, Illinois. Following, please find a brief report regarding the work of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Abbas Aminmansour, Chair of Faculty Advisory Council at 9:05 AM, and thanked Loyola University representatives for hosting the meeting. John Frendreis, representative of Loyola University introduced Loyola's President, John Pelissero, who is FAC alum. Pelissero indicated that Loyola is doing well. It has three campuses in Chicago area with much new construction. There are about 675 full time faculties and a student to faculty ratio of 14:1. 15800 students enrolled in fall 2012. Currently the university has the most racially and ethnically diverse student body in its history. He talked about the challenges of higher education going into the future. How ready are we to meet these?

Abbas reported that he met with Harry Berman regarding the proposed faculty fellow position and he is very supportive. The proposal is in the process of being finalized at IBHE. There will be a steering committee composed of three IBHE staffers and three FAC members one from each caucus. IBHE will offer a stipend as part of the position. It is not necessary for this proposal to go to the Board approval, but will be sent to them as an information item. The Performance Based funding Steering Committee recently met. Their consensus was to recommend ½ of 1% of the higher education appropriation be allocated for this. Abbas commented that quality assurance is an issue and difficult to measure.

Allan announced that a search firm would be solicited for IBHE Executive Director position.

The Caucuses met.

Community Colleges Caucus: Giselle reported that they nominated two persons for the at-large representatives and two persons for the Faculty

Fellow Steering Committee. They discussed contract issues and salary raises/caps.

Private Universities Caucus: Shawn reported that their caucus discussed the fellowship and nominated two members for the steering committee as well as an alternate for the at-large representative.

Public Universities Caucus: Aida indicated that Public Caucus is working on papers dealing with pension and the benefits of higher education. Aida Shekib and Les Hyder were nominated for the Faculty Fellowship Steering Committee.

Ocheng noted that student internship at IBHE is a possibility.

The Chair of the P-20 Council, Miguel del Valle, was introduced. He spoke of the council and its goal. Its goal is to achieve the 60% of working age adults having higher education credentials by 2025. We are at 43% at the moment. It has set up standing committees; a few FAC members participate in these. The full Council meets quarterly. The Longitudinal Data Systems is part of the process. They are aligned with the public Agenda.

Del Valle is also vice chair of ISAC and noted that the issue of proprietary institutions that are not doing a good job is a concern. Abbas asked about FAC participating in the P-20 Council. Del Valle replied that the Council meetings are open, membership is proscribed by law. Everyone on FAC could be added to the mailing list. Discussion followed:

*Many students are leaving the state. We need to encourage students to stay. We need to have the jobs and market our programs well. Access and Affordability as well as quality are necessary. The state must increase financial aid.

*The pension discussions have been orchestrated. There will be legislative action. New revenue is needed.

*The Longitudinal Data System is essential to establishing benchmarks and accountability.

*College readiness and remediation—their need to be a look at best practices in remediation. Success stories at various institutions need to be shared more widely.

*The P-20 goal of 60% by 2025 is important. Entry into the middle class requires the skills provided by higher education.

*Online vs. Land based offering –the debate will continue. We need both. Quality assurance is needed. IBHE needs to hold institutions to standards.
*Online drop out rate is higher than land-based courses/programs. It is the more sophisticated students who do well with online.

Following lunch, Dave Tretter, President of the Federation of Independent Collages and Universities was introduced. He gave a power point presentation on the Role and Contribution of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities. This shows the importance of these institutions in Illinois Higher education system. There is a need to distinguish between good private institutions and bad (often for profit) ones. The for-profit institutions participate in the MAP funding and Pell Grants. It is with Pell grants that this sector shows the greatest abuse. There is a consumer protection issue that is not being addressed. It was noted that it is difficult to compare the cost of a bachelor degree across institutions.

Steve gave a presentation on the final report of the MAP Task Force. The Final report is on ISAC website.

The minutes from our December meeting were approved.

Loyola was thanked for hosting the meeting.

Adjournment was at 3:05 P.M.

Next meeting: February 14th, 2013 at Kaskaskia College, Centralia, Illinois.

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