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**Faculty Senate Meeting
April 18, 2013
1:00-3:00 PM
B1240**

Minutes

Senators in Attendance:

X	E. Alozie (AL/CAS)	X	O. Ijose (CBPA)		B. Parin (AL/CAS)*
	K. Boland-Prom (CHHS)	X	R. James (CHHS)	X	V. Person (COE)
X	Y. Brown (CAS)	X	E. Johnson (CAS)		A. Tamulis (CAS)*
X	D. Cortese (CAS)*		V. Jones (CAS)	X	F. Tian (CBPA)*
X	E. Essex (CHHS)*		M. Kasik (COE)	X	C. Tymkow (CHHS)
X	S. Gandy (AL/COE)*		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, K. Cesar-Smith, J. Tadsen, E. Markase, J. Johns-Mahoney

1. Call to order by Faculty Senate President Muhammad at 1:07 P.M. without quorum (12 Senators present). Afer introduction of guests, Faculty Senate President Muhammad asked for any additional agenda items, and none were suggested. The approval of the agenda was postponed until quorum was obtained.
2. *Administration Reports:*

Provost Allison:

Provost Allison stated that the HLC focused visit on April 15-16 had gone well. The visitors were very positive regarding GSU's upper division plans, including outcomes and General Ed Task Force. They noted some progress on assessment, but there is more work to be done in this area, including the online-program assessment. Provost Allison noted that there might be a need to hire an Assessment Coordinator.

(Quorum established 1:10 p.m.)

Provost Allison stated that budget information has been sent out to the colleges. There is about \$871,000 projected shortfall for next year. PBAC decided that units should plan on a 5% cut. Provost Allison stated that, given the small amount of money involved, he does not anticipate that the Faculty Senate's budget will be cut. Regarding searches, Provost Allison stated that many have

been completed and GSU has been able to secure the committees' top choices. Provost Allison announced that the Campus Safety Committee needs a recommendation of for a faculty representative from the Senate. There was a brief discussion of the relationship between the Campus Safety Committee and the Campus Threat Assessment Committee and about plans for emergency campus closings. Senator Elizabeth Johnson volunteered to serve on the Campus Safety Committee.

Associate Provost Latham:

Associate Provost Latham stated that RFP for SEI software had been posted, and proposals are due Friday, April 19 at 2:00. Responses from vendors will be reviewed by the committee, and then a date will be set for faculty forums. The forums will be scheduled for times when most faculty are available. Regarding Division/Department Criteria, Associate Provost Latham stated that a notice regarding PAI evaluation had been sent out and that the Division/Department Criteria drafts are being reviewed.

Executive Vice President Ejigu:

Executive VP Ejigu stated that, with regard to the budget, despite the anticipated shortfall, GSU is in relatively good shape fiscally. In addition, the administration has been very conservative in budgeting/planning regarding state support and also regarding enrollment. The planning has been based on predicted withholdings, late allocations from the state, and flat enrollment. He noted that the university will continue investing in new programs that will revitalize the university.

Executive VP Ejigu described an initiative to redesign the GSU website. He stated that, with Board of Trustees approval about a year ago, consultants (MOM Mind over Media, Pittsburgh) were hired. They have been working with various stakeholder groups and have substantially completed the redesign. In the next few months, the task of migrating the content of current website will be the focus. The migration will begin in a couple of weeks, and every group that currently has a webpage will have to take part in the process. The President has appointed a small group to give guidance, and a larger group of about 30 will be formed soon. An August 16 roll out is anticipated.

3. *2013 Commencement:*

Karen Cesar-Smith, Director of Special Events, introduced those who are working on commencement. She stated that Dr. Rupert Evans is working with them to coordinate faculty involvement. Ms. Cesar-Smith also stated that marshals are needed. She noted that Commencement Participation forms must be returned by April 26 and encouraged senators to participate. Ms. Cesar-Smith spoke briefly about the academic regalia purchase program, for which the deadline is also April 26.

4. Approval of agenda by unanimous voice vote occurred at 1:55 p.m.

5. *Posthumous Degree Policy* proposal:

EPC Chair Essex explained that this policy was requested by the Provost's Office. Colleen Rock drafted a proposed policy, EPC reviewed and revised the draft, and then the Executive Committee requested a minor change. Essex noted that GSU General Counsel Kennedy added "satisfactorily" to the fourth criterion listed. Winicki made the motion to approve the proposed policy; Hechenberger seconded; the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. *March 7 Special Senate Meeting Minutes*: Hechenberger made the motion to approve the minutes; Person seconded. There was a question regarding the vote via Survey Monkey, and Senate Secretary stated that the vote had been 15 in favor of the revised Student Learning Outcomes and none in opposition. The motion to approve the minutes was passed by unanimous voice vote.

7. *Faculty Reports*:

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee: Dr. Shekib sent reports for both the February and March IBHE FAC meetings. Hard copies were provided (see attached).

University Curriculum Committee: Chair Parin sent a report to Faculty Senate President Muhammad, who read it aloud. Parin reported that about 250 submissions for IAI courses had been received. UCC worked 4 hours on Monday (April 15) and completed its review of 120 of the submission. Parin reported that the deadline for IAI reviews will be met.

Academic Program Review Committee: Chair Gandy reported that APRC has approved 11 of cyclical reviews. A new concentration in Restorative Justice has been approved, and a proposal for a Pre-Law minor has been sent back for revision. Gandy stated that APRC is waiting for Profile of Academic Majors to do the annual status reviews.

There was a discussion of a proposal for a joint degree that has been discussed in EPC and Graduate Studies Council. EPC Chair Essex noted that there is a question about whether this is really a joint degree; it is two separate degrees with overlapping coursework. Graduate Council Representative Tymkow stated that, because there is no existing policy addressing this, the question was sent to APRC. Faculty Senate President Muhammad, who is chair of CAS Curriculum Committee, noted that the proposal hasn't yet been approved by that curriculum committee.

Educational Policies Committee: Chair Essex reported that, due to volume of policy proposals, EPC is working on guidelines for developing policy proposals. She stated that EPC is nearing completion of its review of a Financial Conflict of Interest policy and that EPC has received a request for revision of the Student Conduct Policy from Dean of

Students Valente. Finally, EPC returned the draft Freshmen Admissions Policy to the Provost's Office and has not yet received a revised draft.

(Administration left the meeting at 2:20 p.m.)

Graduate Studies Council: Senate Representative Tymkow stated that the majority of the Graduate Council meeting earlier in the day had been devoted to discussion of capstones, scholarly doctoral projects, and other master's projects. Processes that should be used, including how to obtain faculty sign-off on projects, was one part of the conversation. Tymkow stated that the Graduate Council is still working on the policy for graduate assistants.

Executive Committee: Faculty Senate President Muhammad announced that nomination forms for Senate and committees are due in the Provost's Office (V. Hunt) by 5:00 p.m. April 19, and she stated that senators should check the posted roster to see if terms are over. There was a brief discussion about the short essay requirement. Concern was expressed regarding whether there would be some candidates for run-offs without the required essay. The decision was to wait to see if that problem arises after the nomination forms are counted.

8. Announcements:

Faculty Senate President Muhammad announced that the Second Annual Faculty Development Day is tomorrow (April 19). She then announced that Mark Blagen and Elizabeth Johnson have volunteered to serve on the Academic Calendar Committee, and that the Faculty Senate must appoint two representative to the Graduate Studies Council. Muhammad requested a decision regarding participating in an AAUP webinar on Shared Governance on April 25 or purchasing the CD of that webinar. Tymkow moves that the Senate purchase the CD to use as an orientation session; Winicki seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote to approve.

Additional announcements by senators:

Brown: Mini-Grant proposals for using technology in the classroom, with \$450 per grant are due May 7.

Hechenberger: At 6:30 p.m. on April 24 in Engbretson Hall, Elementary Education program students will be presenting history projects.

9. Senate President Muhammad asked if the meeting should be extended for discussion of the By-Laws and Standing Rules drafts. Senators agreed that it would be better to put this as the first item on the agenda for May, after administration reports. Muhammad noted that May will be Provost Allison's last Senate meeting before leaving GSU. She asked permission to use Senate funds to provide lunch during the meeting. Hechenberger made the motion; Washington seconded; the motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment 3:02 p.m.

Next meeting, May 16, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Winicki, Faculty Senate Secretary

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

REPORT TO THE GSU SENATE FAC MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 2013, KASKASKIA JUNIOR COLLEGE, CENTRELIA, ILLINOIS

The FAC of the Illinois Board of Higher Education Meeting was held on Friday, February 15, 2013, on the Campus of Kaskaskia Junior College, Centrelia, 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 9:02 AM, and thanked Kaskaskia Junior College representatives for hosting the meeting. Jonathan Boehning, representative of Kaskaskia Junior College (KC) introduced Dr. James Underwood, President. Dr. Underwood who has been serving as president of the college for twelve years indicated that enrollment at KC has grown to 12000. KC serves 5 counties and many students are place bound and time bound. Many area institutions offer courses at KC. Their Veterans Tribute project going up on campus is privately funded. There are 5000 on-campus students, the rest are off-campus. KC is unique in that they provide a full 2 year scholarship for every GED graduate. This is one of their success stories.

Abbas reported that he has attended a meeting as a member of Team Illinois, which included legislators, business leaders and academics.

Ocheng announced that Dan Cullen was appointed as Deputy Director of Academic Affairs at IBHE.

The Caucuses met.

Community Colleges Caucus: Giselle reported that they considered contract negotiations and the importance of Board of Trustee members who are qualified and interested.

Private Universities Caucus: Shawn reported that they talked about the rotation schedule and the role of the "big 6".

Public Universities Caucus: Aida noted that public caucus has discussed Les' paper on the history of Illinois public pensions. They are also working on the value of higher education paper.

Dr. Lynne Haeffele, Senior Policy Director for Education in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, outline Sheila Simon's tour of all Illinois community colleges and public universities. The findings were presented to us under the title "Game Changers: Affordability, Persistence, Completion and the Critical Role of Faculty." Main issues:

* Awarding the most credit and credentials for time and money spent.

- * Blended tuition rate.
- * Streamlining Time to degree.
- * providing student support programs with intensive financial/academic advisement.
- * providing textbook rental programs on-line e-books, ad book scholarships.
- * Partnering to create paid internships.

Discussion followed. It was noted that emphasis should be placed more on quality and less on quantity. Effectiveness should be the goal. Haeffele stated that it is difficult to measure quality.

Following lunch, Phillips handed out documents, including the IBHE FY 14 higher education budget recommendations and budget talking points. It appears that \$1 billion needs to be cut from the budget to compensate for the cost of pension and Medicaid. This year, the payment to SURS was \$1.5 billion compared to the \$1.2 billion appropriated to public universities. We can thus expect further cuts to education.

State Senator Kyle McCarter was introduced. He will be on the Higher Education Committee this session. He believes that budget situation can be fixed and has a plan to do so. This would involve going back to 2010 funding levels and then hold this flat for five years. McCarter suggested stronger verification of Medicaid eligibility and some reform. He also suggested that pension reform that would involve switching to a 401 (k) type system. A pension cost shift would be combined with removing unfunded mandates. Aida asked weather he would support adding in social security. He responded that a hybrid plan is needed.

The minutes from our January meeting were approved.
KC was thanked for hosting the meeting.

Adjournment was at 2:45 P.M.

Next meeting: March 15th, 2013 at Joliet Junior Community College, Joliet, Illinois.

Respectfully Submitted,
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College of Business and Public Administration

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

REPORT TO THE GSU SENATE FAC MEETING, MARCH 15, 2013, JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE, JOLIET, ILLINOIS

The FAC of the Illinois Board of Higher Education Meeting was held on Friday, March 15, 2013, on the Campus of Joliet Junior College, Joliet, 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 9:03 AM, and thanked Joliet Junior College representatives for hosting the meeting. Gisele Atterberry, representative of Joliet Junior College (JJC) introduced Dr. Debra Daniels, the 8th President. Dr. Daniels indicated that JJC is the oldest Junior College in the nation, established in 1901. They have three campuses and three centers. JJC serves 20000 students.

Abbas reported that he is working on the symposium that will take place during the September FAC meeting at UIUC. The topic is how higher education will be delivered in five years.

Dan Cullen stated that faculty involvement is necessary for the IAI panels to be successful. Abbas asked for volunteers to serve on the panels.

The Caucuses met.

Community Colleges Caucus: Giselle reported that they were looking for information on the IAI panels, and discussed articulation issues.

Private Universities Caucus: Shawn reported that they talked about IAI panels.

Public Universities Caucus: Aida noted that public caucus has four names for IAI panels. She indicated that Public Caucus is working on how campuses handle faculty activity reporting. They will gather, analyze and compare the various reports from the universities. They are also working on the value of higher education and Pension papers.

Senator Biss, former faculty member at the University of Chicago was introduced. He noted that the State is in severe trouble. The income tax increased has brought in additional revenue, but it is far from sufficient to cover the needs. Several issues were discussed:

*How does Illinois compare to other states.

*Illinois' spending is not outrageous.

*Implications of cuts in higher education funding.

*Pension reform. Rhode Island experience with pension changes.

*SB 1900 involves open access for research published in quality journals by public university faculty. The bill directs the public institutions to develop open access policies. The ultimate goal is to create on each campus a broad working group to figure out what to do and how to address various related matters including academic freedom. Faculty activism is needed on this issue.

Following lunch, Tom Lockman, Institutional Sales Director for Cengage Learning and Brian, Campus Assistant to the Manager of JJC Bookstore joined us. Lockman made a power point presentation about the future of textbooks. Traditional textbook publishers are morphing into education content providers. The accelerated shift to digital is underway. Trends were identified:

- *Digital distribution
- *MOOC's
- *Flip teaching and Hybrid classes
- *Open education resources.
- *Analytics, portability of contents and partnership alliances.

Next was a discussion with Harry Berman, interim Executive Director of IBHE, and Dan Cullen, Deputy Director for Academic Affairs for IBHE. Berman noted that the Public Agenda is our strategic plan and the 60% by 2025 is our goal. The governor has proposed a 4.95% reduction in appropriation for higher education in his budget. Berman provided an update on the longitudinal data system; performance based funding, and college choice information legislation (which has been superseded by the College Scorecard at the federal level for undergraduate education). The effect of sequestration on the Illinois legislature was discussed. MAP funding has suffered.

Berman provided a legislative update. There are 57 active bills involving higher education. They include:

- *Concealed carry
- *MAP and eligibility of for-profit institutions.
- *The SIU Board
- *Tuition waiver for public universities for dependents of employees
- *Post 9/11 veterans tuition benefits
- *STEM students and tuition differentials
- *Mandating unbundling of textbooks and supplements
- *Open access to publications
- *The smoke free campus Act
- *Grants to IBHE to develop online textbooks

The minutes from our February meeting were approved. An election committee was selected.

JJC was thanked for hosting the meeting.

Adjournment was at 3:20 P.M.

Next meeting: April 2nd, 2013 at Elgin Community College, Elgin, Illinois.

Respectfully Submitted,
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