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## Board of Trustees Approves Funds to Update GSU's Wireless and Wired Infrastructure

At their Friday, October 10 meeting, the GSU Board of Trustees authorized the award of a contract(s) necessary to upgrade the university's wired and wireless infrastructure. In his presentation to the Board, Executive Vice President Dr. Gebe Ejigu explained that a significant portion of the existing system is past its useful life. Existing cabling will be replaced and the speed of the wired infrastructure will be increased from 1GB to 10GB. At the conclusion of the project, the entire campus will also have wireless coverage.

Faculty Senate President Dr. Rashidah Muhammad thanked the Board for its action, saying that, "The faculty are grateful that the Board is moving forward on the wired and wireless infrastructure. Our FC14 were given ASUS tablets, but often they can't get online. That's really a problem in class. We wish you could have done it last week!"

Student Senate President Lisa Wallace stated: "I thank you because this is something that is definitely needed. The students are going to be ecstatic when they hear this news."

This project will be financed by funds from the university's existing technology fee. Dr. Ejigu remarked that projects like this one are the reason that this fee was implemented.

In other actions, the Board conferred Professor Emeritus status on retired Professors Akkanad M. Isaac and William Yacullo. Tenure was awarded to Dr. Andrea Evans, Dean of the College of Education.

A new CAS division – the Division of Computing, Mathematics and Technology was created. This change will become effective on January 1, 2015. At the same time, the name of the Division of Science will become the Division of Chemistry and Biological Sciences.

The Board also approved one personal day to non-negotiated employees who are rated "generally exceeds expectations" or "superior" on their FY14 performance evaluations. Employees may take this personal day during FY15.

A presentation by Dr. Ejigu outlined the proposed renovations to the university's central dining facility – the seating, serving and kitchen areas. He reported that much of the existing equipment is several decades old and in need of replacement. In addition, more seating options are needed. The Board will receive additional project details at its December meeting. "If all goes according to plan, renovations will be complete in time for the opening of the 2015 academic year," said Dr. Ejigu.

During his report to the Board, Chairman Brian Mitchell remarked upon the number of improvements made and initiatives put into place this fall. "But, we are not done yet," he noted. "What is best for our students and their curriculum is our focus. They are and will remain our first priority," he added.

The Governors State University Board of Trustees will hold their next meeting on Friday, December 5, 2014.



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