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### **Governors State University Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2007**

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## Governors State University

### Board of Trustees Meeting, June 1, 2007 Minutes

The Board of Trustees meeting was held on Friday, June 1, 2007, in the Hall of Honors at Governors State University.

#### Call to Order

Chair Samuels called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and noted that the June meeting originally scheduled for June 15 was rescheduled to June 1.

#### Roll Call

Roll Call was taken, and the following Trustees were present: Bruce Friefeld, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Jack Beaupre (arrived at 9:10), Lorine Samuels, Lois Mayer, and Student Trustee Dwayne Williams. Trustees Kathleen Field Orr and Bill McGee were absent.

Also present were: Stuart Fagan, Peggy Woodard, Gebeyehu Ejigu, Jim Britt, Alexis Kennedy, Colleen Rock Cawthon, Michael Wortham, Gary Lyon, Kathy Miller, and Rosa Moran.

Chair Samuels welcomed Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu, Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff, to the meeting. The Chair also welcomed Elizabeth Green, the 2007-2008 Student Trustee, and Rosa Moran, the 2007-2008 Student Senate President.

#### Executive Session

Chair Samuels requested a motion to move into Executive Session. Mayer moved that the Board convene in Executive Session, as permitted under the "Open Meetings Act," to consider and discuss litigation, executive session minutes, and employment and personnel matters. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. The general public was asked to leave the room, and the Trustees went into Executive Session at 9:11 a.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The general public was invited to return to the meeting.

#### New Business:

**Approval of Minutes:** Chair Samuels requested a motion for the approval of the minutes of the December 15, 2006 and the March 16, 2007 Board meetings. Beaupre moved that the minutes of both meetings be approved. DeLaurentiis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### Chair's Report

Chair Samuels stated that Friefeld, as Chair, kept the Board focused on its mission to oversee the operations of the University, and he never let Trustees overstep bounds and try to manage operations. Friefeld was a strong advocate for the University; especially during the budget crisis a few years ago. There were not many other chairs from public universities championing the cause of their schools in Springfield. Friefeld reminded everyone at every opportunity of GSU's mission and strategic plan. That certainly helped identify priorities to get through the budget crisis without compromising the integrity of academic and outreach programs. Friefeld opened the lines of communication, not just among the

Trustees, but with the students, faculty, and staff as well. His practice of having annual retreats with the three Senates is something that Chair Samuels plans to continue. Chair Samuels thanked Friefeld for his service as chair.

The term of Student Trustee Dwayne Williams expired. Chair Samuels thanked Williams for his service and his representation of the students. He has been an excellent ambassador and scholar. Service to students is what GSU is all about. Chair Samuels, again, welcomed Elizabeth Green.

This is Dr. Fagan's last meeting as President of GSU. With the leadership he and Friefeld have provided, GSU has accomplished some wonderful things the past seven years. GSU has cutting edge new academic programs in Criminal Justice, Master of Fine Arts, and Doctorate in Physical Therapy. GSU has a new emphasis on faculty scholarship, thanks to the rank system that was implemented a few years ago. GSU expanded its outreach and service to the community and the region with the creation of the Centers of Excellence for education, criminal justice, health professions, and business. GSU raised its profile, enrollment has increased, and the University is now on solid financial footing. Relationships with legislators in Springfield turned to friendships. Dr. Fagan and Friefeld laid a solid foundation for the next administration, and Chair Samuels thanked them for that.

A key member of the next administration, Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu ("Gebe") is in attendance. Gebe will be the primary advisor to President-Designate Dr. Elaine Maimon on all administrative and University business matters. He will chair significant University-wide committees. Gebe will lead the executive team and be responsible for executive-level direction and management of the budget and financial planning and administrative services. He will oversee the planning and management of the University budget, strategic plan, institutional research, and management of the Board of Trustees relations. Chair Samuels and the other Trustees look forward to working with Gebe.

The changes continue: Vice President John Tuohy left GSU, and Provost Paul Keys stepped down as Provost. The Board values the contributions they made to GSU. They were key players in helping GSU reach its present, strong state. The Board thanked them and wished them well.

Chair Samuels thanked Wortham for his continuing work as liaison to the Board. She also thanked all the GSU staff for their support and congratulated the recipients of the awards for longevity at the University.

GSU's new president, Dr. Elaine Maimon, officially begins July 1, 2007. She is full of energy, exploding with ideas, and has a passion for the mission of GSU. Her academic career has been devoted to making a quality university education affordable and accessible to men and women who have been traditionally underserved by higher education—minorities and first generation university students. Dr. Maimon indicated that she will continue the initiatives that the Trustees have endorsed and supported, including the development of new professional doctorates beyond the Doctor in Physical Therapy; aggressive support of the Master of Fine Arts and Criminal Justice programs, which have the potential to become national models; and initiatives to meet the educational, economic, and cultural needs of the region. It is a long-standing tradition in academia to celebrate the coming of a new president with an installation ceremony. That ceremony is as formal and traditional as commencement or convocation. Given the position of respect and prominence that GSU is experiencing because of its leadership, Chair Samuels believes that the circle of the search process should be closed with an installation ceremony for Dr. Maimon. Chair Samuels appointed Dr. James Britt, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and Dr. William Nowlin, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, to co-chair the Installation Planning Committee. Chair Samuels and Mayer will represent the Trustees. Chair Samuels will notify faculty and

staff that the committee is being established and will solicit their participation. The installation ceremony will be a wonderful opportunity to promote GSU, highlight its contributions to the region, and promote its academic programs. The ceremony will be held November 3.

Looking forward, the University faces some difficult challenges that the Trustees must help address. Appropriations are at the top of the list. The battle of the budget in Springfield suggests that the University will face this issue again and again. New academic programs and new modes of delivering those programs are next on Chair Samuels' list. Then outreach programs—educational and service initiatives that meet the needs of the region. The Trustees will need to help the new president and the new administration set priorities, marshal resources, and articulate GSU's vision. As the partnership begins, Chair Samuels believes everyone should look inward and come to consensus on the processes to be followed, the procedures to be adopted, and the communication channels that should be opened.

Trustees should reserve the dates of August 20 and 21 for a two-day retreat, facilitated by a representative from the Association of Governing Boards (AGB). The purpose of the retreat is to help define the goals and set the agenda for the coming year for the Board and the University and to define ways to evaluate performance of Trustees. The Board will also discuss communications and issues such as deferred maintenance and analysis of GSU's financial health.

This is yet another beginning for GSU—a new administration, a new leadership for the Board, a new springboard for new levels of accomplishment. The achievements of Dr. Fagan and Friefeld are the benchmarks that will be used to measure progress going forward.

### **President's Report**

President Fagan thanked the Board for the University-wide celebration for him and Dr. Symcha Fagan. He joined Chair Samuels in welcoming Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu to GSU as Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff. Gebe graduated from Halie Selassie University in Ethiopia and went on to earn his MBA from Syracuse University and his Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Wisconsin. Gebe and President-Designate Maimon have worked side by side for many years and have established an excellent track record together. Dr. Fagan is confident that they will do an excellent job in advancing GSU's mission. Change can be difficult. With the new organizational structure, Vice President John Tuohy has left the University. Everyone appreciates the contributions Tuohy made to the University—construction of the Family Development Center and the Faculty Office Center, development of a master architectural plan, laying the groundwork for a deferred maintenance program, and more. Dr. Paul Keys stepped down as provost on April 30. Keys made important contributions to GSU. On his watch, GSU added new academic programs, including the first doctoral program; met the highest standards of demonstrable academic quality; and moved aggressively to secure supplemental funding through grants and earmarks. Associate Provost Peggy Woodard agreed to serve as interim provost until a national search for a new provost is concluded, and Dr. Fagan thanked her for accepting the position. Dr. Steven Russell will step down as Dean of the College of Education on June 30, 2007. Russell has been Dean of the College of Education for the past three years and has provided leadership in program development and has overseen a successful CACREP accreditation for the Counseling Program. Russell is a tenured faculty member in the College of Education as Professor of Multicategorical Special Education. He will assume a faculty position, but has agreed for the next six months to serve as Special Assistant to the Provost to assist with the administrative transition.

Dr. Elaine Maimon will officially begin as president in one month. She has been to campus on several occasions and has met with a number of people. In April, Dr. Fagan took Dr. Maimon to Springfield to

introduce her to the presidents of the other public universities, the staff and Board of IBHE, and some friends in the legislature. Dr. Maimon is an established and internationally respected scholar. Her pioneering work in the Writing Across the Curriculum program has had a profound and lasting impact on higher education. She is a proven and able administrator. Her successes in developing new academic programs, securing funding for new buildings, and reaching out to create community partnerships at Arizona State-West and at the University of Alaska Anchorage speak to her considerable talents. Dr. Maimon has been an effective and forceful advocate for affordability, accessibility, and quality in higher education at the national level. Her personal commitment over the years to make the university experience accessible to minorities, first generation college students, adults, and others who have been historically underserved by higher education is right in line with the mission of GSU. However, Dr. Maimon will need this Board's help. She will need the kind of support the Board gave Dr. Fagan. Things are different in Illinois. Dr. Fagan does not think there is another state in the union where the same party controls the House, the Senate, and the Governorship, and yet there is no agreement on state priorities.

As Dr. Fagan reported at the last meeting, the Governor's proposed budget includes a 1.9 percent increase in base appropriations to the public universities, including GSU. But the Governor's proposed budget zeros out all supplemental appropriations for the public universities. In GSU's case, it zeroed out the \$1.806 million supplemental appropriation received this year for special programs. These programs target specific areas of need. They include initiatives which address the critical shortage of health care professionals, identify and address issues currently being faced by public school partners, help the region's businesses develop profitable overseas markets through the development of a Global Trade Center, and identify and address the needs of police chiefs in the region through the creation of the Center for Law Enforcement Technology Collaboration. In testimony before the Senate Higher Education Appropriations Committee on May 3, Dr. Fagan told the committee that GSU has earned that appropriation. He also told Debbie Halvorson, David Miller, and others, that should the request be denied, GSU will curtail some of the programs that funding supports. Dr. Fagan met privately with key legislators and explained in detail how vital the supplemental appropriations are to the well-being of the region and the damaging consequences for the region if the \$1.8 million supplemental is not continued for FY08. They assured him of their strong support.

GSU faces issues, to be sure, and there are potential pitfalls as the Board considers questions including the financing of deferred maintenance, the renovation of E and F Wings, and the efforts of some community colleges to become four year institutions. Those issues aside, GSU is on solid ground. There is a clear mission statement. Funding, apart from state appropriations, is increasing because of grants and private donations. Enrollment continues to increase both in headcount and credit hours. As of May 28<sup>th</sup>, overall headcount for the spring-summer trimester is up 3.2 percent. Credit hours are up 5.1 percent. As was the case for the Winter trimester, the growth is primarily at the graduate level. Virtually every college is up. Across the entire year, enrollment is likely to be up 3.5 – 4 percent. With the several new initiatives that have been launched, including the opening of the Naperville Center, the positive trends should continue.

On the academic front, the University moved forward to develop two new professional doctoral programs—the doctor of occupational therapy and the doctorate of nursing practice. These are two very important degrees. The public is aware of the growing shortage of professionals in occupational therapy and nursing; but there is also a growing shortage of faculty in these professions, and the faculty shortage is something the public has not caught up with yet. The proposed doctoral programs address that need, and along with the Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT) put GSU in the first rank of universities offering professional doctoral education in health care.

Commencement will be held on June 2 at the Holiday Inn Select Convention Center in Tinley Park. The commencement speaker will be Arthur Velazquez, CEO of Azteca Foods, one of the largest Latino owned companies in Illinois. He is active in Chicago. He is a member of the Civic committee of the Commercial Club and Chicago's Olympic Committee, and he is a generous philanthropist who has contributed a great deal to the Pilsen area. He is also trustee at Notre Dame. Velazquez is an excellent role model for the graduates. Jazz in the Park, scheduled for July 29, with Ramsey Lewis as the headliner. Britt will report on this event later in the meeting.

Dr. Fagan concluded his report by stating that when an individual or an organization is in the middle of any enterprise, large or small, it is almost impossible to assess the significance of the undertaking. But when one steps away, there is then time to reflect and judge the meaning and consequences of what one has done and the effort one has made. Dr. Fagan has been doing a lot of reflecting over the past few months and has concluded that the GSU Trustees and he, with the support of faculty and staff, have accomplished something extraordinary these past seven years. GSU has been transformed in fundamental ways from a small upper division university in Illinois to be positioned as a model for the American University of the 21st Century. Others may claim that title, but Dr. Fagan believes that history will show it is GSU's. Despite extraordinary budget pressures, the Trustees agreed that GSU would remain affordable, and GSU has the lowest tuition of any public university in Illinois. The Trustees agreed that GSU will be accessible, and online courses were added and educational centers in Kankakee, Naperville, and, soon perhaps Bridgeview, were opened. The Trustees agreed that GSU will not compromise the academic quality of its programs, and GSU meets higher demonstrable standards of quality than many other institutions. The Trustees supported the implementation of a professorial rank system to make GSU more competitive in attracting and retaining talented faculty. The Trustees supported community outreach programs and the creation of Centers of Excellence in business, education, health professions, and criminal justice. In doing all this, GSU has moved into the mainstream of higher education without compromising the revolutionary spirit that Beaupre and the other members of the legislature envisioned when the University was established almost four decades ago. Dr. Fagan thanked each Trustee, the faculty, and the staff, for supporting him in those initiatives, for counseling him on how to proceed, and for implementing changes and programs. Dr. Fagan appreciates the confidence the Trustees have shown him over the years and values their friendship. He is sure that with the Board's counsel, encouragement, and support, Dr. Maimon will establish GSU as the new American University of the 21st Century.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee had not met since the March Board meeting.

**Academic Program and Policy (APP) Committee:** DeLaurentiis, chair of the committee, presented the committee report to the Board. The committee met on May 16. A quorum was not present to convene the meeting; therefore, there was an information session at which several items were presented.

The committee was informed of the tenure recommendations. The committee reviewed the requests for new units of instruction for the Doctorate in Nursing Practice and the Doctorate of Occupational Therapy and received a brief report on the strategies and rationale behind the proposals and resources needed to support the proposed programs. The committee reviewed the Honorary Degree nominations, including the President's recommendation. The above items will be action items for the full Board under new business.

The committee also reviewed changes in the accreditation status of programs and was informed of the items to be included in the annual listing of academic changes report and that a reasonable and moderate extension request to offer a post-master's certificate in school counseling certification will be submitted to IBHE.

Three faculty members were promoted to Professor. They are John Swain, College of Business and Public Administration; Emmanuel Alozie, College of Arts and Sciences; and Ann Vendrely, College of Health Professions. Two faculty members were awarded a Professional Advancement Increase (PAI). They are Marsha Katz, College of Business and Public Administration, and Julia Yang, College of Education. Congratulations to those faculty members.

Catalina Ramos-Hernandez, Director of the Center for Latino Excellence, reported to the committee. The Trustees were very enthusiastic in their support of this initiative because of the potential growth in the Latino community and some of the higher education challenges.

**Finance and Budget Committee:** Beaupre, chair of the committee, presented the committee report to the Board. The committee met on May 23. There was an Executive Session. Several action items were discussed. Slovak and Kissell were helpful to the discussions. Several of the action items deal with continuing resolutions that have been made in the past.

**Resolution 07-44: Approval of Mandatory Fee Increases:** Upon the recommendation of the President, in accordance with Section V.J.3. of the Board of Trustees Regulations, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the following mandatory fee increases to be effective with the Fall 2007 trimester: Student Activity Fee, increase from \$33 to \$34; Student Center Fee, increase from \$27 to \$28; Career Counseling Fee, increase from \$27 to \$28; and the Technology Fee, increase from \$27 to \$28. The Strategic Initiative Fee remains the same, \$11. The Strategic Initiative Fee is assessed on a per-credit hour basis, for every credit hour for which a student registers. Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 07-44. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 07-45: Finance Report:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the April 30, 2007 Finance Report.

**Resolution 07-46: Approval of FY08 Preliminary Operating Budget:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the FY08 Preliminary Operating Budget as the basis for operations through September 30, 2007.

There was a five minute recess.

Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 07-45 and Resolution 07-46. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 07-47: Approval of FY09 Program Priorities Requests:** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the FY09 Program Priorities Requests. The program priority request is for a Doctor of Occupational Therapy and a Doctorate of

Nursing Practice. Approval of this resolution is contingent upon Board approval of Resolution 07-55 Requests for New Units of Instruction.

***Resolution 07-48: IIT Real Property Lease:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a lease with Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), 10 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$681,662.24 for office and training space as required under the GSU-DCFS contract. The contract is a non-renewal, 12-month lease from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

***Resolution 07-49: DCFS Subcontract – Juvenile Protective Association (JPA):*** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a contract with Juvenile Protective Association (JPA), Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$374,870 for training as required under the GSU-DCFS contract. This contract is for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, as requested by DCFS.

***Resolution 07-50: Jenzabar (CARS) maintenance Contract:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a one year maintenance contract with Jenzabar for fiscal year 2008 in the amount of \$221,443.92.

***Resolution 07-51: Approval of the Center for Law Enforcement Technology Collaboration (CLETC) General Contractor Contract:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a contract with Lawdensky Construction Company, Lombard, IL for remodeling of a portion of the interior of the Outreach and Technical Services (OTS) building in the amount of \$776,231. With an added 10% contingency, the University's total authority to spend on this project will be \$853,855.

***Resolution 07-52: Approval of Three (3) High Definition Studio System Cameras Contract:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a contract with Roscor Corporation, Mount Prospect, Illinois, for the purchase of three (3) high definition studios system cameras for the University's production studio. The contract cost is \$190,960. Roscor Corporation was the low bidder on a public procured request for bids.

***Resolution 07-53: Approval of High Definition Production Video Switcher Contract:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a contract with Heartland Video Systems, Inc., Plymouth, Wisconsin, for the purchase of a high definition production video switching system for the University's production studio. The contract cost is \$179,579. Heartland Video Systems, Inc. was the low bidder on a public procured request for bids.

Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 07-47, Resolution 07-48, Resolution 07-49, Resolution 07-50, Resolution 07-51, Resolution 07-52, and Resolution 07-53. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.



**Personnel Committee:** Chair Samuels stated that the committee had not met since the March meeting and there was no report.

### **Institutional Advancement Report**

Britt distributed the quarterly report and reported that there was a major gift from Great Lakes Bank for endowed scholarships in the bank's name—\$125,000 for five, annual scholarships. Britt hopes to use this "leadership" gift as inspiration for others to contribute similar or larger amounts. This is the first step in major philanthropy. Ron Shropshire, president/CEO of the Homewood Bank for Great Lakes and Ron Bean both assisted greatly in securing the gift.

Britt asked Rosemary Hulett to report on the 1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Homecoming, which is scheduled for July 28 and 29, in conjunction with Jazz in Park. Hulett distributed copies of the information that was sent to alumni. Britt asked Ron Bean to report on Jazz in the Park, which will be held on July 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Great Lakes Bank is sponsoring the headliner performance, Ramsey Lewis. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Bean distributed copies of the House Resolution, HR0477, which was adopted in support of Jazz in the Park. The resolution was presented by Representative Al Riley. The Mayors and Managers Association also adopted a resolution in support of the event.

### **Student Senate President's Report**

Moran reported that, as Senate President, her main goal is to promote the welfare of the GSU community in every way possible. Other goals include increasing accountability of the standing committees; maintaining and developing collaborative relationships with student life, deans, and the provost; and facilitating bylaw revision, as recommended by a consultant. It is her view that a comprehensive approach to student development is not only favorable for individual student success but required to promote a brighter future. Other goals are to include development of skill building activities within student clubs and organizations and to facilitate the development of a positive spirit through Senate relationships.

In the first Senate meeting, Moran introduced a new form to track student issues/concerns. In that meeting, e-voting and confirmation of the outstanding student and faculty award, which Moran started as the vice president, were discussed. In the most recent meeting, there was discussion of committees, duties of committee chairs, approval of the student concern form, and approval of additional elements of the outstanding faculty award. The allocation of five thousand dollars for emergency student loans, from the previous trimester, was confirmed. The Vice President offered a resolution in recognition of Dora Smith, Registrar, who is retiring. The resolution will be delivered by special invitation to a meeting on June 8th.

### **Faculty Senate President's Report**

Lyon reported that the Senate recently completed the election of new members for 2007. There is one new member who has never served before, Pam Guimond of CAS. A total of four seats remain unfilled from CHP, UL/UC/SAS, and BPA. CAS and COE seats are filled, as are at-large seats. When election of officers occurs in September, appointments will be made to fill the four vacant seats. The University Curriculum Committee (UCC) will have a new chair. After 10 years as UCC chair, Dr. Rashidah Muhammad is stepping down. The Senate acknowledged her tremendous service to the University, and welcomes Dr. Beth Parin as her replacement. The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) completed the revisions on the student grievance policy. The Senate thanked the EPC and its chair, Catherine Tymkow.

The Senate recently heard from Dean Sherilyn Poole regarding administrative unit changes for the Division of Student Affairs and Services. It was a highly informative report, and she distributed a handout

regarding the structure and staffing of this division. The Senate is pleased with the appointment of Peggy Woodard as Interim Provost and offers her our support. The Senate discussed campus security, in light of the tragic incident at Virginia Tech. The faculty discussed the possibility of tightening access to buildings, but came to no conclusions as to the best policies.

The Faculty Senate survey of interests is now online, thanks to Luke Helm. The Senate elicited possible questions from faculty; discussed and edited the questions at Executive Committee; and then further discussed, edited, and approved the questions at Senate. The survey will remain online until early July, to allow faculty who are off either block 2 or block 3 to participate. The survey is available to both Unit A and Unit B faculty. The Senate will analyze the statistics and written responses and produce a report, which will be available to anyone who wishes a copy.

Regarding Gov. Blagojevich's staff recommendation that all universities consider adopting common texts, Lyon solicited opinions and experiences from the university community by e-mail. He received many responses. Some were favorable, some were quite unfavorable, and those "in the know" have indicated that this would be extremely expensive for the University to implement. Since GSU teaches mostly upper-division classes, and its classes are small, it could cost several millions of dollars to implement. Lyon wrote a report that was distributed to the University community. If anyone would like a copy, please contact Lyon.

Lyon shared his personal thoughts about two persons who are stepping down from their current positions at GSU: Provost Paul Keys and President Stuart Fagan. It was Lyon's great privilege to work with Dr. Keys as the only provost he has known since he began at GSU. He is pleased and proud that Keys was a mentor to Lyon and many others. It is Lyon's opinion that a large segment of the GSU community is unaware of the many initiatives developed by this good man because he did not want to share the limelight and was more than willing to let others take credit for his ideas. It has been GSU's good fortune to have Keys serve well and faithfully as provost. He will be greatly missed by those who worked closely with him, and Lyon predicts very good things from Keys in his future role as a GSU professor. Lyon is saddened that Dr. Fagan will no longer be president of this University. GSU is losing a capable administrator and a man who elucidated the mission of the university with eloquence and compassion. Lyon is heartened that Fagan will continue to work with GSU, and that the University will continue to have the benefit of his sound advice. While Lyon is excited to be part of the transition to a new administration and is confident in the abilities of the new leaders, he feels it is entirely appropriate to look back on the successes of the past seven years and give thanks to two of the people who made those successes possible. Lyon also acknowledged the fine job that Gerald Hodgkin did as president of the Student Senate and welcomed Rosa Moran as his replacement.

### **Civil Service Senate President's Report**

Miller reported that the bake sale made a profit of \$312. The total profit for FY07 is over \$6,000. The annual Senate elections were held in April. For the first time, more people were on the ballot than available seats to fill. Twelve Senators were up for re-election, eleven chose to run. All eleven were re-elected along with two new senators. The Senate also asked for the resignation of a Senator because of work commitments and filled that vacancy with the person who received the next most votes from the election. The returning Senators are Blondia Jasper, Mary Jones, Shawn Jones, Bill Kelly, Renee Rainey, Crystal Richard, Pat Smith, Scott Smith, Karen Stuenkel, and Miller. The two new senators are Lisa Carra and Laura Owen. Diane Nadler will fill the remaining term of the vacated seat.

At the May meeting, the Senate invited Dr. Fagan and John Tuohy to be the guests of honor. The Senate thanked them for their support. The Senate appreciates their friendship and will miss them. The Senate hopes to develop the same relationship with Dr. Maimon and Gebe and looks forward to inviting each to future Senate meetings.

Plans for future events are underway, with the Civil Service Affairs committee taking charge. The Annual Summer Fling will be held in August. It is a fun-filled day for all Civil Service employees. The Senate hosts a picnic complete with games, food, prizes, and fun. Miller will again ask for assistance from the president and Gail Bradshaw to encourage supervisors to allow their civil service staff to fully participate in this relaxing Friday afternoon that celebrates civil service employees.

The scholarship/educational assistance fund will award one scholarship for the spring-summer term. The Senate is continuing its work to raise awareness of the availability of this award. The goal is to give away all six available awards to deserving applicants.

April 25th was Higher Education Lobby Day in Springfield. Most of the University representation was faculty and students; Miller was saddened by the lack of response by the Civil Service staff. The Civil Service Senate also discussed safety issues, which has been a concern for a long time.

### **New Business**

***Resolution 07-54: Tenure Recommendations:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, the Governors State University Board of Trustees awards tenure to the following faculty members: Jessica Bonner, Department of Communications Disorders; Dalsang Chung, Division of Accounting, Finance, Economics and Management Information Systems; Susan Gaffney, Division of Management, Marketing and Public Administration; Gary Lyon, Division of Science; Clare Tang, Division of Science; Catherine Brady, Department of Occupational Therapy; Rebecca Wojcik, Department of Physical Therapy; Shannon Dermer, Division of Psychology and Counseling; Cyrus Ellis, Division of Psychology and Counseling; Byron Waller, Division of Psychology and Counseling; Paul Blobaum, University Library; and Ning Lu, Department of Health Administration. Tenure for Ning Lu will be effective the date of hire. Williams moved to approve Resolution 07-54. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Chair Samuels congratulated the faculty.

***Resolution 07-55: Request for New Units of Instruction:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the Request for New Units of Instruction: Doctor of Occupational Therapy and Doctorate of Nursing Practitioner. Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 07-55. Mayer seconded the motion. This resolution is related to Resolution 07-47. The proposals include differential tuition, which will provide necessary resources for the programs. The information regarding differential tuition was presented to both the APP and the Finance and Budget committees. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

***Resolution 07-56: Honorary Degree Recommendations:*** Upon the recommendation of the President, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the addition of the following candidates to the eligibility list for Honorary Degrees: Dr. Juan Andrade, president, United States Hispanic Leadership Institute and columnist, Chicago *Sun-Times*; Ramsey Lewis, musician, composer, pianist, Jazz Legend; Ann Marie Lipinski, Senior Vice President/Editor, Chicago *Tribune*; Carol Marin, investigative reporter, WMAQ-TV; Parker Palmer, author and teacher; Thomas Todd, Civil Rights attorney; and Dr. Cheryl Woodson, director, internal medicine/geriatrics. DeLaurentiis moved to approve Resolution 07-56. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 07-57: Appointment of Treasurer:** Whereas, pursuant to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Governors State University, Section 5C ["Bylaws"], the Board of Trustees shall designate a member of the staff of the University as ex-officio Treasurer to serve the Board; Whereas, Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu has been appointed to the position of Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff by the President, effective June 1, 2007; Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Governors State University Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the President, that Dr. Ejigu be appointed as the Treasurer of the Board, ex-officio and as specified in the Bylaws. Mayer moved to approved Resolution 07-57. DeLaurentiis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 07-58: Release of Executive Session Minutes:** Upon the recommendation of the President, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the release of the Executive Session minutes for the following meetings: November 12, 2004, and November 27, 2006, Academic Program and Policy meetings; November 19, 2004, Personnel meeting; and September 13, 2004, December 16, 2005, December 1, 2006, December 15, 2006, and February 9, 2007 Board meetings. Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and upon the recommendation of the President, the Governors State University Board of Trustees has determined that a need for confidentiality continues to exist for the minutes of the Executive Sessions for the following meetings: September 15, 2006 Board meeting; March 9, 2007 Finance & Budget meeting; and May 14, 2004 Personnel meeting. Mayer moved to approve Resolution 07-58. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 07-59: Appointment of Representative to Civil Service Merit Board:** Pursuant to the State Universities Civil Service Act [110 ILCS 70/36b] the Governors State University Board of Trustees elects Kristi DeLaurentiis as its representative to the University Civil Service Merit Board to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees. Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 07-59. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 07-60: Establishment of Committees:** Upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Trustees to the following committees, for the period of June 2007 to March 2008 or such time as they may later establish. The committees shall consist of the following: ex-officio to all committees, Lorine Samuels, Board Chairman; Academic Program and Policy Committee: Lois Mayer (chair), Bruce Friefeld, Jack Beaupre, Student Trustee; Finance and Budget Committee: Jack Beaupre (chair), Kristi DeLaurentiis, Kathleen Field Orr; Personnel Committee: Kristi DeLaurentiis (chair), William McGee, and Lois Mayer. Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 07-60. Williams seconded the motion. Chair Samuels stated that the charge to the Board committees is revised to transfer the responsibility for the review of tenure recommendations, sabbatical and other leave requests from the Academic Program and Policy Committee to the Personnel Committee. In response to a question from DeLaurentiis, Kennedy stated that she will inform each committee of the number of committee members needed to comprise a quorum. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 07-61: Award of Tenure:** Upon the recommendation of the President, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the appointment of President-Designate Elaine P. Maimon as Professor of English, with tenure, in the Division of Liberal Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences. Friefeld moved to approve Resolution 07-61. Beaupre seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 07-62: Award of Tenure:** Upon the recommendation of the President, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Peggy Woodard, Professor of Counseling, tenured in the Division of Student Development, to a joint appointment with tenure in the Division of Student Development and in the Division of Psychology and Counseling. DeLaurentiis moved to approve Resolution 07-62. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

DeLaurentiis read **Resolution 07-63: Honoring Student Trustee Dwayne Williams for Student Trustee Services.** The Board of Trustees formally recognized and commended Student Trustee Williams for his service as a Student Trustee, serving as a model for all who serve after him; for his commitment to the University as a whole, providing sound guidance and perspective; and for the spirit of committed governance which he brought to the task. The Board expressed its sincere gratitude for his work. Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 07-63. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Installation of Student Trustee**

Chair Samuels requested that Rosa Moran, Student Senate President, join her in swearing in the new Student Trustee, Elizabeth Green. Green was sworn in by Chair Samuels.

### **Information Report/Other Business**

There was no formal information report; however, Chair Samuels stated that the GSU Hall of Honors has been renamed in honor of Trustee McGee. The room is now the William D. McGee Hall of Honors. A plaque honoring McGee was placed in the room. There will be a celebration at such time as McGee can attend.

DeLaurentiis regretted that she did not include in the APP report her appreciation to Dr. Keys for his support and efforts on behalf of the University and for his service to the APP committee. She concurred with the comments Lyon made regarding Dr. Keys' effectiveness as Provost.

Chair Samuels read **Resolution 07-64: Honoring the Service of Stuart Fagan.** The Board of Trustees expressed its gratitude and extended its best wishes for a productive, happy, and joyful retirement to Stuart I. Fagan. Chair Samuels read **Resolution 07-65: Honoring the Service of Bruce Friefeld.** The Board of Trustees acknowledged Friefeld's years of service and gratefully extended its appreciation for his service, contributions, and commitment. Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 07-64 and Resolution 07-65. DeLaurentiis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Williams thanked the Board for the experience of working with them as the Student Trustee for the past two years.

**Public Comment Period**

Chair Friefeld stated that HB2580 requires GSU to set aside time at each open Board meeting for employees and members of the public to make comments, subject to reasonable constraints. Comments are limited to three minutes for each person. No one requested to speak.

**Adjournment**

Chair Samuels requested a motion to adjourn. DeLaurentiis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Rock Cawthon