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Board of Trustees Meeting, June 13, 2008 MINUTES

The Board of Trustees meeting was held on Friday, June 13, 2008 in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Samuels called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and the following Trustees were present: Lorine Samuels, Jack Beaupre, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Bruce Friefeld, Lois Mayer and Elizabeth Green.

Also present were: Dr. Elaine Maimon, President; Gebe Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff; Jane Rhoades Hudak, Provost; Alexis Kennedy, General Counsel; Joan Vaughan, Vice President of Institutional Advancement; Jeff Slovak, Deputy Vice President of Administration and Finance; Karen Kissel, Associate Vice President for Financial Services and Comptroller; Paul Blobaum, Faculty Senate President; Kathleen Miller, Civil Service Senate President; Adam Taylor, Student Senate President; and David Dixon, Internal Auditor.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Samuels entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2008 Full Board Meeting. Friefeld made a motion to approve the minutes. Beaupre seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Chair Samuels stated that the committees have met and deliberated and the following resolutions will be placed on the Consent Agenda: *08-38, 08-39, 08-40, 08-41, 08-42, 08-43, 08-44, 08-45, 08-46, and 08-47*. DeLaurentiis requested that *Resolution 08-40: Internal Restructuring Plan*, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Action Items on the Consent Agenda

Resolution 08-38: Rehabilitation and Upgrade of Elevators: Upon the recommendation of the President and the Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the award of a purchase order and contract to Cosgrove Construction of Joliet, IL in the amount of \$868,300 for the installation and upgrade of elevators as specified in the bidding documents. With the standard 10% contingency, this action authorizes the University administration to spend up to \$955,130 on this project.

Resolution 08-39: Reconstruction of Parking Lot B: Upon the recommendation of the President and the Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the award of a contract for the reconstruction of Parking Lot B to the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, and to report to the Board of Trustees in writing on the outcome of the bidding and award process.

Resolution 08-41: Award of Tenure: Upon the recommendation of the President and the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees awards tenure to the following faculty members, effective September 1, 2008: Ting Wang, Division of Accounting, Economics, Finance, and Management Information Systems, CBPA;

Elizabeth Essex, Department of Social Work, CHP; and Maristela Zell, Department of Social Work, CHP.

Resolution 08-42: *Aware of Rank and Tenure to Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean, CBPA:* Upon the recommendation of the Faculty and Division Chair in the Division of Management, Marketing and Public Administration, The dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, Provost Hudak and President Maimon, and with the review and concurrence of the Board's Human Resources Committee, the Governors State University Board of Trustees appoints Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis as a Professor of Management with tenure in the Division of Management, Marketing and Public Administration, College of Business and Public Administration, effective July 1, 2008.

Resolution 08-43: *Approval of FY09 Preliminary Operating Budget:* Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the FY09 Preliminary Operating Budget as the basis for operations through October 16, 2008, as outlined in the Budget Summary.

Resolution 08-44: *Approval of Jenzabar (CARS) Maintenance Contract:* Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves a one year maintenance contact with Jenzabar for fiscal year 2009 in the amount of \$238,380.85.

Resolution 08-45: *Approval of DCFS Subcontract—Juvenile Protection Association (JPA):* Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Budget and Finance 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-IDCFS contract. This contract is for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, as requested by DCFS.

Resolution 08-46: *Approval of Contract for Legal Services:* Upon the recommendation of the President and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees approves the award of purchase orders and contracts for legal services to 1) Chapman and Cutler LLP in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for 1 year, with 2 annual renewals at the discretion of GSU and with approval of the Board, to be used for legal services as needed; and 2) Laner, Muchin, Dombrow, Becker, Levin and Tominberg, Ltd. in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, in the form of a 3-year retainer agreement for \$144,000 and an 'hourly rate' agreement for 3 years, with an hourly rate of \$225 for all services rendered, as needed.

Resolution 08-47: *Approval of Contract for Copier Fleet:* Upon the recommendation of the President, and the review and concurrence of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Governors State University Board of Trustees approves the award of a purchase order and a three-year contract to Danka Office Imaging of Chicago, IL in an amount not to exceed \$178,848 for the copier fleet upgrade and service program, as specified in the bidding documents.

Chair Samuels entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Green made a motion. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Other Action Items

Resolution 08-40: Internal Restructuring Plan: Pursuant to Section II, Subsection A., 3 and Section II, Subsection C., 1 of the Board of Trustees Regulations, the Board of Trustees approves: 1) The creation of the position of Vice Provost for Academic Affairs in the Office of the Provost; 2) Transfer of the University College and its School of Interdisciplinary Learning to the College of Arts and Sciences; and 3) The elimination of the position of Dean of the University College.

DeLaurentiis questioned whether the new structure of the Interdisciplinary B.A. program would continue to provide adequate support for portfolio review and input, advising, and student mentoring. She emphasized the need to be responsive to the students and graduates. Hudak stated this raised an excellent point. She conveyed that the program would continue to receive 100% support from the University, pointing out that the duties of the advisors would not change. Beaupre moved to approve Resolution 08-40. Mayer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Kennedy pointed out that **Resolution 08-48: Approval of IIT Real Property Lease** requires a roll call vote. DeLaurentiis made a motion. Beaupre seconded. The motion passed with all eyes.

Information Items and Reports Received:

Board Chair's Report

Samuels extended a special welcome to William Sanders, President of the GSU Foundation Board. She thanked him for presenting to the Board of Trustees today, and for his generosity of time and service to the GSU community. Samuels thanks Dr. Ejigu for the mobilization of staff and resources during the recent turbulent and devastating weather. She also thanked the GSU staff that has provided the Board support in the past year.

The Chair's comments were as follows:

"It's hard to believe that President Maimon and Dr. Ejigu have been with us for nearly 12 months. The past year has been a year of change for the University; seeing changes in our facilities, in personnel, and in GSU's operational practices. Over the last eight months the entire campus has been actively engaged in developing the next phase of our strategic plan. Even our own Board has made changes in the way it functions, and in the process GSU has become a truly student-centered institution. Change is exactly what the doctor ordered to help GSU move closer toward our goal of becoming a 20th century model university.

Under new leadership the University is headed in a positive direction, one that I believe is helping GSU to expand its role as an educational institution; an organization that is truly student-centered; and is a positive impact on the surrounding communities and region.

Of course not everyone embraces change, and it would be unreasonable to expect unanimity of support for all the changes taking place. Indeed, change has the potential of creating discomfort for some, particularly if they perceive that change will adversely affect them. However I encourage each of you to take a second look at the results and the possibilities that lie ahead.

The results of the changes taking place at GSU over the past 11 months are already evident as enrollment continues to grow and retention rates remain steady, translating into higher graduation rates, as demonstrated at last week's commencement ceremony. Commencement is always a special time for me. I believe strongly in what GSU stands for and the difference that we make in students' lives. That difference is no more apparent than when the Board members get a chance to personally interact with the students as we did last weekend. The giant smiles, the excitement, and the tears seen at each graduation illustrate that we are making a difference in the lives of our

students and, ultimately, in the life of the region, the state, the nation, and beyond. News anchor Warner Saunders was an excellent choice as our honorary degree recipient with his background as an educator, community activist, and trusted journalist.

I do not recall a year where so many trips were made to testify on the budget in Springfield, as well as throughout the region. I appreciate the time and effort of everyone who participated in these sessions—Trustees, Administrators, and Staff. Our efforts appear to have paid off handsomely, which President Maimon will share in her report.

The University's engagement in charting our future direction through the Strategic Planning process continues. We received the final draft plan today, and it is important to note that it reflects the input of the entire university community—students, faculty, staff, and some of our external stakeholders including alumni, community college presidents, employers, and community members. The Board will review the draft plan in depth at our August retreat, with the goal of approving a final version this fall. A clear strategic plan will be an important road map to moving forward, despite ongoing legislative uncertainties.

As I mentioned earlier, this has been a year of change. Long time Trustee Kathleen Field Orr recently resigned from the Governors State University Board of Trustees. I speak for the entire Board when I say that her decision was received with regret, but also with recognition of the great service Kathi provided to the Board and the University during the past seven years. She has been an exceptional advocate and enthusiastic supporter of GSU's growth and development, and we thank her for that. Although she will no longer be serving GSU as a Board member, she has reassured us that she will continue to remain supportive of and engaged with the University. So I ask you not to view this move as a loss to GSU, but simply a change in roles for Kathi. This change comes at a critical time for us as we work to adopt and implement a new strategic plan. Please keep Kathi's spirit of integrity in mind as we move forward."

The Chair then asked Trustee DeLaurentiis, Board Secretary, to read *Resolution 08-50, Honoring the Service of Trustee Kathleen Field Orr*. DeLaurentiis read the resolution. Chair Samuels entertained a motion to approve Resolution 08-50. Beaupre made a motion. Mayer seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President's Report

The President's comments were as follows:

"Maimon welcomed Bill Sanders, President of the GSU Foundation. She thanked him for redirecting the Board toward philanthropic endeavors. Maimon also praised the work of former trustee Kathleen Field Orr. In a recent conversation Orr told Maimon that she planned to concentrate her efforts on the GSU Foundation. Maimon offered special thanks to everyone that participated in Commencement and the Warner Saunders Honorary Degree dinner. The dinner was aired on the NBC5 newscast at 10:00 p.m. The granting of this honorary degree was very strategic. We were happy to honor him, but we also made some important new friends. She thanked Facilities for making E Lounge look so beautiful. Maimon expressed a public thank you to all who made Commencement great. The site of the exhilarated students and GSU's stellar graduation rates was truly inspiring. Also on that day, Saturday, June 7, a tornado swept through the area. The Emergency Response Team (ERT) performed exceedingly well. While we lost power, we didn't sustain any major damage. I offer my special thanks to the many who worked 20 hour shifts to keep the campus safe and functioning, including our employees in DPS, ITS and Facilities. I also wish to recognize Susan Rakstang, Debra Boyd, Pete Mizera, Sherilyn Poole, and Gebe Ejigu for their tireless work throughout the weekend.

The Illinois Stage Budget: what do we know and not know? Our lobbying has been effective, with appropriations up 4.6% over last year. The base increase for all higher education institutions is 2.8%, so we feel fortunate. All our member initiative requests were funded. Our appropriation is the second highest in the State for public universities. However we don't know what the governor will do. We are all watching to see what will happen. It is my philosophy that we have to give our energies to controlling the things we can control; the only behavior we can control is our own. The only reliable source of funding we have is tuition and fees. It is much more uncertain what we will get from the State. Our February 2008 Board of Trustees meeting was pivotal, at which time the Board approved an increase in tuition and fees. Although the incremental increase was high, we would not be able to survive without it, and therefore our mission has not been jeopardized. Most notably we still have the lowest tuition rate for an Illinois Public University.

Regarding a capital bill, people in the know say there may be a capital bill by the end of the year. The governor is doing what he can to get the capital bill connected to the operating budget. The back story is that the capital bill may come through after the November General Election. That may give us a reasonable chance of obtaining the funds allocated for the E&F wing renovation. However, there are no guarantees that there will be a capital bill.

Our work continues on deferred maintenance issues. I want to thank Gebe and his team for their extraordinary efforts on the University's behalf, which has saved us considerable sums during contract negotiations. Gebe's team has questioned bid proposals, insisted on resubmission of bids, sent things back, and turned down proposals to achieve the best quality. They have sent a message to contractors that GSU expects the highest quality workmanship. Gebe's team also worked diligently on the Certificates of Participation (COP) sale on June 12. The ratings from Standard & Poor's and Moody reaffirmed our excellent rating of A-. In making their decision they cited the dedicated revenue stream provided by the student facility fee, and their continuing confidence in the new administration.

This administration is committed to prudent decisions that optimize resources for our core purposes of learning and teaching. This kind of prudence is part of the change you're seeing. We are making decisions that focus on our resources and avoid redundancy. Cross-training of employees is an important aspect of this. However I know change can sometimes cause discomfort. One example is the recent reorganization of technology and the University College. Our purpose was more effective and efficient service to the University community, particularly our students. Another change affected a highly important academic program, formerly called the Board of Governors (BOG) program, now called the School of Interdisciplinary Learning (SIDL). This Administration is fully committed to the adult learners served by this program. In fact, the reorganization will make it easier for other non-traditional students to benefit from these interdisciplinary opportunities. There is a group of lost students, not only community college students but community college students in career technical programs. They are typically told they are in terminal programs, but what they don't understand is that they can transfer into the Interdisciplinary Learning program and earn their baccalaureate degree. The whole point of the reorganization is to provide better service to the students. We believe also that the administrative change will open up possibilities for improved faculty interaction for the students in the interdisciplinary program. In addition to better communication with the faculty, students in the program will have access to financial aid, tutoring, and professional advising from a centralized area. Again, we believe this interconnectedness of services better addresses student needs. The Administration plans to dedicate a segment of their Agenda at the August Board Retreat to report on our plans and progress to further strengthen the program."

Faculty Senate President's Report

Blobaum thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them today. He also thanked Trustee Orr for her years of service to the University, and wished her the best in her new endeavors.

Mr. Blobaum's comments were as follows:

"We are nearing the completion of Year One of the Maimon Presidency. The story of the Blind Men trying to describe an elephant presents a good paradigm at many levels for a university. Each of us is holding a piece of the elephant, but to what extent is any one of us able to see the big picture? I would like to update you on my piece of the elephant this morning.

I commend the Administration for the many accomplishments of the past year, too numerous to mention. The faculty is grateful to our new leaders and what is being accomplished including repairing the campus infrastructure, improving safety, implementing emergency preparedness, and improved service to students; but we especially appreciate the passion, wisdom and energy of our new Provost, Jane Hudak. This year of change has sometimes been scary, with times of disagreement and misunderstanding, but we have all hung in there with each other, as good working partners always do.

Some of the faculty have been concerned about the speed of change. Others question whether they have been consulted enough or consulted properly; we weren't consulted when University College was created a few years ago, and we weren't consulted about its elimination. These issues were presented to the Faculty Senate as the decisions were made. I am hearing from people affected by these decisions, including faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, who state they were informed rather than consulted. We are coming to recognize that some on campus don't have representation, while others are members of a union or part of academic senate. However we are thinking through all these things, and to their credit the Administration has been available to communicate and explain their decisions. We cannot see everything from our end of the elephant, but we trust the Trustees see the big picture.

I was impressed by the PBAC Budget Hearings, finding it to be an empowering experience. It is too early to judge the outcome of the PBAC process; however it seems to be the optimal framework for sharing governance of a university. We are exploring faculty governance structures with the Graduate Studies Council, and are thinking about ways we can better accomplish program review, educational policy review, and curriculum review. To this end we have also begun a review of the Faculty Senate By-Laws. In addition we are reviewing the policy on graduation honors for undergraduates, and also discussing how to strengthen academic standards and quality.

The budget cuts from 2002 still have an effect on faculty with a reduced number of tenure track faculty lines. At the same time our numbers have been reduced the bar was set higher for research and scholarship. The 10-month contract doesn't allow the time needed for research and other work. We are a small university and sometimes faculty become over extended. The absence of faculty at various meetings and committees should not be interpreted as a lack of commitment or interest; it is more a matter of allocation of time. In my view there is not enough tenure track faculty. This is nothing new, but it seems to be what my part of the elephant is telling me. The Faculty Senate appreciates the opportunity to have faculty reps on Board of Trustees Committees, and are working on improving their role and function on those committees.

Student Senate President Report

Taylor thanked the Board and the Administration for the opportunity to serve the students and community of GSU. The first senate meeting was held on Friday, May 16 at which time standing committees were formed. The Student Senate is making a concerted effort to be more visible to the students with events such as Welcome Days, Commencement, volunteering on campus, the Special Olympics Torch Run, the Black Student Union's Real Men Can Cook Father's Day event, and various other events. Our meetings are open to everyone and we welcome your participation. In addition we have a website that can be accessed from the GSU website. Current information about upcoming events can also be viewed on the bulletin board outside Engbretson Hall. Our main goal for the academic year is to be more visible to the students. Taylor thanked those gathered, stating it was an honor to participate in the Board meetings.

Civil Service Senate President Report

Miller began by stating she is very grateful for the inclusiveness of the current Administration. Next week the Senate will say thank you and farewell to John DeYoung, Tiffani Malvin, Cindy Matthias, Diane Nadler, and Jason Zelek, whose terms expire at the end of the month. We welcome newly elected first time senators Raquel Rios-Aguirre, Robert Sisk, Ann Nagel, Kevin O'Shea and Raymond Foster, who will begin their terms on July 1. At our July meeting we will elect the officers of President, Recording Secretary, and Financial Secretary.

In April we held our annual spring bake sale, raising over \$400. This is the most successful bake sale to date and I want to thank all the volunteers who worked and baked goods. Maureen Bendoraitis, the GSU representative for the Employee Advisory Council, will host the quarterly meeting of this group on campus in July.

Many events have been planned for calendar year 2008. Fundraisers include the Annual Valentine's Day Carnation Sale, the Spring Bake Sale, The Annual Summer Cookout, The Arts & Crafts Fair, the Fall Bake Sale, and the At Home Demonstration at Work show. Fundraisers for FY08 totaled over \$5000. Fun-raisers include the Limerick Contest, the GSU Fly-In, First Friday, the Summer Fling, The Halloween Costume and Trivia Contest, and Civil Service Day. Our goal is not only to raise funds for scholarship, but also to raise morale and strengthen the unity of the University.

The Civil Service Senate continually tries to invent new ways to raise both morale and money. An idea we are currently working on is a series of ethnic dinners, by which a volunteer would teach a group of paying customers how to cook one of their favorite ethnic recipes and the group would enjoy the food and the company of others. We think this would be a fun way to learn something new, allow us to get to know one another better, and raise money for Civil Service Scholarships.

Finally I want to express that I am enjoying being a part of the PBAC process. To give you a hint at our budget request, we're requesting an increase to offset inflation. Wish us luck!

Report on Institutional Advancement

Vaughan gave a brief overview of the Organizational Chart for Institutional Advancement, explaining that by combining all these units we are on target with the message being sent to all our constituents. It will also optimize the talents of all our employees, which is cost and labor efficient. She expressed how very inspired she is by the people under her umbrella.

Vaughan introduced Bill Sanders, President of the GSU Foundation Board. Sanders thanked the Board for inviting him to address them today. He gave a Power Point presentation that outlined

the new strategy for the Foundation's fundraising efforts: developing long term relationships. He explained the Foundation has not been as effective as it could be and that new initiatives are being put in place to change that.

One important aspect of that is increasing efforts to recruit top-notch members for the Foundation Board. Sanders stated it is key President Maimon views herself as the chief fundraiser, and also significant that she has expanded Joan Vaughan's role to allow her the opportunity to synchronize all the efforts of the Division of Institutional Advancement. An assessment of our fundraising efforts was done by Campbell & Co. Their most important recommendation was to change our fundraising strategy from sponsoring events to building long term relationships. They recommended a goal of raising \$1,000,000 annually by 2010, and by 2012 accrue \$5,000,000 in assets, which is twice what we have. Our goal for fundraising in FY09 is \$720,000.

Sanders went on to explain that people are motivated to gift for a variety of reasons, including wanting to help their community, it is good for business, and doing good is fun because it provides an opportunity to socialize. What we must understand is the motivation of our potential contributors and foster that. In Relationship Based Fundraising regular personal contact is key. It is critical to GSU, and every other university, to secure unrestricted gifts. We also expect each member to contribute to a special initiative. Citing recent economic woes, Sanders emphasized the necessity for universities to raise funds on their own to support programs.

The Foundation Board has been reduced by one-third recently. An Honorary Board is being established that will consist of a select group of people that are very talented but are unable to attend all our meetings. It should be considered an honor to be on the Foundation Board. Sanders summed things up by stating we have an extraordinary number of compelling factors that would attract prospective donors, but these need to get pulled together into a comprehensive case for support. He cited the Strategic Plan as an excellent place to start, being sure to engage the faculty and staff in a way that will benefit them; not just ask them to do another job.

DeLaurentiis asked Sanders to share his background. Sanders stated he retired a few years ago, but wanted to remain actively involved in the community. He has lived in the South Suburbs since 1969, which is when GSU was founded, although he admitted he was not always impressed by the University. However a neighbor suggested he meet Immediate Past President Stu Fagan and set up a meeting. He has been involved ever since. Chair Samuels thanked Sanders for presenting to the Board.

Report on Draft Strategic Plan: 2009-2014

John Stoll and Karen D'Arcy presented. A Draft Strategic Plan was included in the Board Book. Stoll reported that since the last Board Meeting the Strategic Planning Committee held a series of charettes to obtain more feedback, an exercise in which over 160 people participated. The committee has been extremely busy evaluating the responses and refining the wording. A consultant was hired to edit/rewrite; he commented he didn't have that much work to do.

The Mission Statement was edited from four paragraphs to two sentences, without taking any of the meaning away. It was essentially a distillation. No questions were asked by the Board.

In the area of Core Values, the values we have been talking about all along, i.e. Accountability, Access, Preparation of Students to Thrive as Successful Citizens, Diversity, and Citizenship remain. No questions were asked by the Board.

There are a total of six Institutional Goals. *Goal 1: Provide distinctive academic programs that effectively prepare students to become leaders and productive citizens in the global community.* DeLaurentiis asked if each goal was assigned a specific number in the past. Stoll said they had not, however this was one of the charges given by the Administration. The assignment of numbers has not been finalized as we are looking at more distinct goals. DeLaurentiis questioned that if we adopt the Strategic Plan will we have the capacity to absorb this growth. For example, will it require us to go ahead with student housing? Friefeld responded that he didn't have a problem approving it with student housing as stated in Goal 1. Samuels opined that it is generic in a sense, giving us the opportunity to explore the possibility of student housing in the long term. DeLaurentiis expressed her doubts about fiduciary responsibility with regards to residency. She asked that more information be provided to the Board at the August Retreat. Ejigu stated it is the intention of the Administration to devote one hour of discussion at the Retreat toward student housing in order to get some direction from the Board as to how to proceed.

There was no discussion of *Goal 2: Provide student access to highly qualified and motivated faculty and staff.*

Goal 3: Develop and sustain a climate of continuous improvement that is directed by evidence-based decision-making focused on enriching the student experience, and that demonstrates quality in all aspects of university life. Green asked how measurements of engagement will be made. Stoll replied that individual units will need to have measurable benchmarks.

Goal 4: Pursue initiatives that make GSU a preferred destination in the region, that result in creating a vibrant public dialogue, and that increase the university's effectiveness as an economic catalyst in the region. DeLaurentiis wondered if we are proposing new facilities with this goal. Stoll stated nothing specific had been defined as yet. Samuels asked about GSU being a destination for conferences; do we have the capacity. Stoll responded that yes, we do, and we are already utilizing many areas for meeting space. Samuels pointed out that a previous goal outlines utilizing classrooms more. Stoll responded it will be an issue of balance.

Goal 5: Build an institution that is socially and ethically responsible. There was no discussion.

Goal 6: Diversify GSU's revenue streams to ensure resources that are necessary for institutional growth. This goal is reflected in the many new initiatives of the Division of Institutional Advancement. DeLaurentiis recommended we consider adding student support.

Stoll explained the consultant is helping us to prepare the document for outside audiences as well. Green questioned the Administration about the GSU Promise. She asked if a student has to be continuously in school, or can they have taken a break? Maimon responded that it is aimed toward community college students that otherwise wouldn't finish their baccalaureate degree, encouraging continuous, consecutive enrollment. Maimon agreed that the terms need to be clarified, and that when we start awarding the funds we will have to be very clear about the stipulations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chair inquired if there were any individuals who wished to address the Board during the Public Comment period. There was no response.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Samuels entertained a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:53 a.m. Green made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters. DeLaurentiis seconded. A roll call vote taken and the Board went into Executive Session. Trustees Samuels, Beaupre, DeLaurentiis, Friefeld and Green remained, as did Maimon, Hudak, Ejigu, Kennedy, and Joan Johns, Recording Secretary.

The Executive Session ended at 12:16 p.m., with a motion by Friefeld. Green seconded. Roll call was taken upon their return to Open Session. Samuels asked that it be noted Trustee Mayer had to leave the meeting before the Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Resolution 08-49: Release of Executive Session Minutes: There was no discussion. DeLaurentiis made a motion to approve Resolution 08-49. Friefeld seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 08-51: Approval of Name Change---College of Health Professions
Hudak explained this item had been discussed in committee, at which time a request was made to change the name of the College of Health Professions to the College of Health and Human Services. Green made a motion to approve Resolution 08-51. Beaupre seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Trustee DeLaurentiis, Representative to the Civil Service Merit Board, reported on their current activities. She recounted that there has been a lot of transition in the Board, but a lot of continuity in the Administration. It is an interesting process. DeLaurentiis will have a standing report in the Human Resources Committee meetings in the future.

PREVIEW OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ejigu reported on the plans for the August Board Retreat, to be held August 24-26, 2008. James Mueller, who is facilitating editing of the Strategic Plan, will facilitate at the retreat. The Agenda will also include a Study Session on the Budget Process, a report on how we are planning to strengthen the Interdisciplinary Degree Program, a White Paper on the feasibility of Student Housing, a careful and critical review of Board Policies, summation of the past year, and the establishment of the Board Meeting Calendar for the coming year. There were no comments.

Samuels entertained a motion to adjourn. DeLaurentiis made a motion. Green seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The Board of Trustees Full Board Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Johns