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## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

**October 20, 2016  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Hall of Honors**

### Senators in Attendance:

X	P. Blobaum (AL/UL)	X	J. Goode* (CAS)	X	X. She (COE)
X	M. Carrington* (CAS)		G. Howell (COE)	X	J. Shin (CAS)
X	X. Chen (CAS)		J. Klomes* (COE)	X	S. Spencer (CHHS)
X	D. Cortese (CAS)	X	E. Mengova (COB)	X	A. Tamulis* (CAS)
X	N. Ermasova (CAS)	X	P. Mohanty* (COB)	X	C. Tymkow (AL/CHHS)
X	E. Essex (CHHS)	X	R. Muhammad* (AL/CAS)	X	S. Wadhwa (CHHS)
X	L. Falconnier (CHHS)	X	B. Parin* (AL/CAS)	X	S. Wagner (AL/COB)
X	L. Geller (UL)	X	Z. Ramamonjarive lo* (CHHS)	X	B. Winicki* (COE)
X	D. Golland* (CAS)	X	G. Sargut (COB)		

\* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

**Others Present:** D. Bordelon, S. Cervantes, A. Cipra, S. Estep, W. Kresse (Parliamentarian), N. Laff, C. Sexton, A. Vendrely, M. Zell

1. *Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m., with quorum, by Faculty Senate President Winicki. Winicki announced that *Provost Bordelon* sent an email this afternoon saying that the Academic Program Elimination Review Committee (APERC) will be convened.
2. *Administrative Updates:*
  - o *Final Fall 2016 Enrollment; choice of major by Fall 2014 freshmen; teach-out planning, support; re-convening of APERC-* *Provost Bordelon* reported the following Fall 2016 enrollment trends compared to Fall 2015: FTE down 0.85%, total SCH down 0.69%, undergraduate enrollment down 0.63%, graduate student enrollment down 2.9%, international student enrollment up 7.3%. She said that GSU currently has 5,818 students enrolled, down 2.02% from 5,938 students last year. This enrollment includes 3,514 undergraduate students and 2,304 graduate students. She disseminated the Enrolled GENST Students Migration Report (attached) to senators, and discussed lower-division retention and choices of majors by Fall 2014 freshmen. Regarding teach-outs for eliminated programs, Bordelon said that program coordinators, chairs and deans should have received teach-out plans. Teach-outs have been planned over a two-year timeframe.

Winicki requested that faculty teaching out programs should be given a minimum of 2 credits/course, even though some courses may be classified as tutorials. Bordelon said that she would consider the request. Bordelon also reported that she is convening APERC, and will meet with the committee next week. Two members of the committee from last spring are currently on sabbatical, so appointments will be made by the Faculty Senate. Bordelon said that the committee will be taking a look at all programs. Winicki mentioned that some previous recommendations by APERC last spring were not followed by the GSU administration. Wagner asked if there is any way to change how the Academic Master Plan (AMP) is currently being followed. Bordelon replied that now, rather than focusing on new programs, the administration is focusing on revitalizing existing programs.

- *Freshmen-Faculty Interview Assignment, request for participation– Center for the Junior Year Director Laff* said that the assignment is a Freshman Year Seminar cohort project. The eventual goal of the project is to create a GSU faculty experts guide *via* faculty surveys conducted by students. Each student will talk to one faculty member, from whom they are not taking a class, about the faculty member’s scholarship and service. Creating a faculty experts guide will increase visibility of expertise of faculty at GSU. This increased visibility will make it possible to connect students more effectively with faculty based on faculty expertise. Blobaum said that GSU has a history of doing something similar in the past. As examples, he mentioned a faculty speaker’s bureau, and faculty profiles. Laff added that for this assignment, each student was given the name of a faculty member to contact, chosen from a list of all active faculty. Senators then discussed the assignment at length. Winicki said that not notifying faculty ahead of time is a problem. She requested that each faculty member be notified that he/she would be contacted by a student.
  - Review and approval of September 2016, Faculty Senate minutes– After senators reviewed the September 2016 minutes, Golland moved that the minutes be approved, and Tamulis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. *Faculty Senate Action and Discussion Items:*
- *SEI Item Content Task Force: charge from Faculty Senate; draft charter; members from COE and CAS needed–* Wagner distributed copies of a draft charter for the SEI Content Task Force (attached) to all senators. He then asked for a discussion of the purpose of the Task Force. The discussion by senators then centered primarily on Item 1 of the draft charter, “Purpose of the Task force.” Winicki asked whether something about meeting the needs of different course delivery methods could be included in Item 1. Wording of the last sentence of Item 1 was discussed, particularly whether “predictors” should be replaced by another word. Student participation on the task force also was discussed, and there was consensus support for an *ex officio* student member on the task force. A proposed rewording of Item 1 is as follows: “The purpose of this task force is to develop new items and procedures for assessing Student Evaluations of Instruction (SEIs) that are congruent with GSU policies, varied course delivery methods, and the new online system for collecting SEI data. The task force will also establish processes, with cooperation of the administration, to assess whether unfair bias exists in responses to SEIs and whether SEIs are valid measures of outcomes valued by the GSU community.” Golland moved that the task force be charged to do its work according to the statement above as amended; Ermasova seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Winicki said that she will put out a call for potential faculty appointees to the task force from COE and CAS. Senators agreed that the task force will welcome as members Unit A, Unit B and adjunct faculty. *Associate Provost Vendrely* will ask Marco Krcatovich (Director of

Institutional Research) if he will serve on the task force. Meetings are predicted to be monthly, with email interaction in between. Wagner requested a timeline for the task force. Winicki will start working on a timeline by checking paperwork for timelines of comparable task forces.

- *Policy 35 (Emeritus policy), proposed revision*– Tamulis said that last spring a revision of Policy 35 was passed. The revision addressed the perceived problem that new faculty members were being asked to vote on emeritus status often for faculty they did not know, by changing faculty eligible to vote for emeritus status to tenured faculty. The GSU administration did not approve that revision. Their reason for non-approval was that new faculty members should know candidates for emeritus status, because potential emeritus faculty should be mentoring young faculty. Tamulis now presented senators with current proposed changes to Policy 35 (attached), moved and seconded by EPC. Changes include making retired associate professors eligible for emeritus status, and some reorganizing and rewording of the policy. Senators proposed the following rewording of Section I of the policy: “Emeriti are expected to maintain a continuing interest in scholarly activity and in higher education, and to maintain a relationship with the university community.” Policy 35 as amended passed unanimously by voice vote.
- *Proposed policy on Club Hours*– Tamulis and Golland introduced the proposed Club Hours Policy (attached). The proposed policy would establish “Club Hours,” “a time to facilitate student and faculty involvement in” clubs and organizations, every Thursday from 1:30 – 4:30 pm. During discussion, Carrington said that club hours at that time would greatly interfere with scheduling of science laboratory classes. She suggested that club hours occur on Friday instead of Thursday. Other senators suggested that having club hours at the same time, one day a week, would preclude students and faculty from participating in more than a very small number of organizations, because meeting times of organizations would conflict with each other. Winicki said that discussion of proposed club hours would continue during the Executive Committee meeting and the next Senate meeting.
- *Elections/Appointment Confirmations*
  - General Education Council: CAS, Chris Tweddle– Golland moved that appointment of Tweddle to the General Education Council be confirmed by the Faculty Senate; Essex seconded. The motion passed with two abstentions.
  - IBHE-FAC Alternate: Alicia Battle– Golland moved that appointment of Battle as IBHE-FAC Alternate be confirmed by the Faculty Senate; Essex seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.
  - UPC elections
    - Mary Carrington, At Large
    - Stephen Wagner, COB
    - Rashidah Muhammad, CAS
    - Jessica Bonner, CHHS
    - Sandra Gandy, COE
  - Graduate Studies Council (one appointee for AY 2016-2018; must be a senator)– Falconnier is appointed.
  - Other Committee Member Updates:
    - Wadhwa has resigned from UCC; and Joseph Day is recommended as a replacement (Faculty Senate confirmation needed). Blobaum made a motion that the Faculty Senate confirm Day as a replacement member of UCC; Parin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- UCC and BoT: Olu Ijose will step down from UCC and the BoT Human Resources Committee on October 31. Susan Ji is recommended as a replacement on UCC (Faculty Senate confirmation needed). Blobaum made a motion that Ji be confirmed as a replacement member on UCC; Muhammad seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *Faculty Reports:*

- *APRC*- No report.
- *EPC*- No further report.
- *UCC*- Parin reported that the deadline for changes to the catalog copy is February 1 for 2017-2018. She asked that faculty submit changes to UCC by November 27. She added that changes to course descriptions in the catalog may be submitted anytime.
- *Graduate Studies Council*- No report.
- *General Education Council*- Tamulis reported that the council is continuing to work with 3<sup>rd</sup> year analysis and data collection.
- *IBHE-FAC*- Cortese reported that he went to the IBHE-FAC meeting at NEIU in September, during which they met with the university's provost. He said that he was impressed by the way that the faculty, senate, union and administration worked together while planning implementation of furloughs. They worked to make sure that students always were served, even while implementing furloughs. On a different subject, Cortese suggested that the Faculty Senate formally reject the appointment by Governor Rauner of an adjunct faculty member to the IBHE board. He added that the FAC is meeting tomorrow to work on changing the law to require that the board include two tenured faculty representatives.
- *Bargaining Unit*- Estep reported that the new bargaining contract is ready to be posted. She also reported that UPI at GSU plans to award excellence awards for the GSU members. She added that the current division criteria are in conflict with the new contract, and must be revised. She has asked the GSU administration to sign a memorandum of understanding regarding revising the division criteria. She also mentioned that there is an ongoing issue with administration "bullying" faculty.

5. *Adjournment:* Golland made a motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 3:05.

Next meetings:            Executive Committee, November 3, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Library Conference Room (D2417)  
                                  Faculty Senate, November 17, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Hall of Honors

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Carrington  
 Faculty Senate Secretary