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**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
August 31, 2017
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Hall of Honors**

Senators in Attendance:

X	P. Blobaum (AL/UL)	X	L. Geller* (UL)	X	J. Shin (CAS)
X	K. Boland-Prom (AL/CHHS)	X	D. Golland* (CAS)	X	S. Spencer* (CHHS)
X	M. Carrington* (CAS)	X	J. Goode (CAS)	X	A. Tamulis (CAS)
X	S. Cervantes (COE)	X	G. Howell (COE)	X	S. Wadhwa (CHHS)
X	C. Chang (COB)	X	J. Klomes (COE)	X	B. Winicki* (AL/COE)
X	A. Cipra* (COE)	X	W. Kresse* (COB)	X	C. White (CAS)
X	N. Ermasova (CAS)	X	P. Mohanty (COB)	X	M. Zell* (CHHS)
X	E. Essex* (CHHS)	X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)*		
X	L. Falconnier (CHHS)		B. Parin (AL/CAS)		

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

Others Present: A. Marak, C. Harris, E. Maimon, A. Valente, A. Vendrely

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m., with quorum, by Faculty Senate President Winicki. B. Winicki asked for revisions to agenda; no revisions were made. D. Golland made a motion to accept the agenda without revision; P. Blobaum seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- I. Introductions of new and returning senators: All new and returning senators introduced themselves.
- II. Election of Officers (2017-2019): Conducted by Immediate Past President R. Muhammad and Senate Parliamentarian W. Kresse; C. Harris, outside observer. B. Winicki and D. Golland were nominated for Faculty Senate President. Both nominees made statements. D. Golland was elected Faculty Senate President by paper ballot. M. Carrington and B. Winicki were nominated for Faculty Senate Vice President. Both nominees made statements. B. Winicki was elected Faculty Senate Vice President by paper ballot. S. Spencer and M. Carrington were nominated for Faculty Senate

- Secretary; M. Carrington did not accept the nomination. S. Spencer was made Faculty Senate Secretary by acclamation.
- III. Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, D. Golland nominated W. Kresse for reappointment, Senate approved.
- IV. Caucus by College & UL, Representatives to Faculty Senate Executive Committee
- a. M. Carrington (CAS)
 - b. E. Essex (CHHS)
 - c. W. Kresse (COB)
 - d. A. Cipra (COE)
 - e. L. Geller (UL)
- V. Administrative Updates:
- a. Associate Provost, Vendrely –
 1. Reported on Fall 2017 enrollment and Smart Start participation- Freshman 206 – 12 (anticipated losing 12 students because they did not attend) = 194 + 14 (students entered in January) = 208.
 - a) 23% Direct admit (students who do not need smart start)
 - b) 59% (students who do need both English and math))
 - c) 10% (students who only need English)
 - d) 9% Math (students who only need Math)
 2. Marginally, over 50% of the students lived in campus housing and they underperformed academically compared to commuter students. However, commuters are more likely to leave GSU.
 3. Current enrollment
 - a) FTE (full time equivalency) = - 8.5% (Graduates -17.8%)
 - b) CHR (credit hour) -7.8% (amount budget -7.0%)
 - c) Financial aid funds are available after census date (9/12). Students receiving financial aid can purchase books from the bookstore before the census date. A question posed about textbooks available for students in the library. The library. P. Blobaum responded that 50 of the most expensive books are available to students and due to limited funds, no additional books will be purchased. He recommended that professors can put extra copies of selected books on reserve.
 - 4.A. Discussed the Signature Programs project. The Provost is looking at ways to attract potential students. The Provost and Associate Provosts are working the Deans on a draft.
 - 5.A. Discussed faculty mentoring.
 - b. Dean of Students Valente -
 1. Precise fall 2017 enrollments are not final until after the census date, September 12. As of August 28, the following table depicts the number of freshmen enrolled each year and retention rate.

Date Admitted	Retention Rate
2014 freshmen: Fall 2014 n = 242	Fall 2017 n = 87 (35.9%)
2015 freshmen: Fall 2015 n = 233	Fall 2017 n = 72 (30.9%)
2016 freshmen; Fall 2016 n = 218	Fall 2017 n = 114 (52.3%)

- 2.R. Muhammed posed questions about academic advising. Many students do not know who their academic advisors are. Valente will send an email blast to inform students who their advisors are.
- c. Welcome by President Maimon – President Maimon thanked everyone and stated that she is here to answer any questions faculty senate members may have.
 - d. CAS Dean Marak discussed the Lower Division Steering Committee - The purpose of the committee is to trouble shoot with cohorts. The committee meets every other Tuesday at 9 AM, starting 9/5. Invited up to two faculty members to join. Senate appointments may be required.
- VI. D. Golland announced the Excellence Award winners, which included Senator N. Ermasova.
- VII. May 2017 minutes; moved by W. Kresse, seconded by R. Muhammad seconded, approved by unanimous voice vote.
- VIII. Action Items:
- a. Faculty Senate Standing Rules - Proposed revision of Meeting Schedule & approval of Standing Rules for 2017-2018. W. Kresse moved to adopt the standing rules, seconded by G. Howell seconded. Standing rules amended, approved by unanimous voice vote.
- IX. Faculty Senate Bylaws amendment discussed and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- a. Proposed revision to Sabbaticals when senate members miss meetings. Possible solution: nominate a substitute vs. senate appointment of temporary substitute. Send wording suggestions to D. Golland. L. Falconnier discussed that the issue is not just when senate members are on sabbatical, but also when members miss meetings due to conflict in class schedules.
- X. The following appointments were appointed:
- a. APRC: Cipra (COE); Salm (At Large)
 - b. UCC: O’Shea (CHHS)
 - c. IPC: Keane (COB); Patrick (COE); Falconnier (CHHS)
 - d. APERC: Tian (COB); Henne (At Large) (Vacancies remain for COE & UL.)
 - e. Policy Monitoring: Cipra (2017-19); Lanigan (2016-18)
 - f. IRB: Sopiarcz (UL)
 - g. IBHE-FAC Alternate: Xin Chen
 - h. University Student Conduct Committee: Keane (COB); Koonce (COE); Grumbach (CHHS)
 - i. BoTs Finance & Budget: Sayoni Bose
- XI. Faculty Reports:
- a. APRC (Wadhwa) (Annual Rpt. Received) - No additional report, next meeting 9/5/17

- b. IPC (Tamulis/Boland-Prom) (Annual Rpt. Received) - No additional report, meet in 2 weeks
- c. UCC (Parin; Shin) – Shin, Meet September 11
- d. General Education Council (Zell; Tamulis) – No additional report, There is a CHHS vacancy
- e. Graduate Studies Council (Falconnier) – Nothing to report
- f. SEI Task Force (Mohanty; Wagner) – Mohanty - Working with UPI to review content for student evaluation and to identify outcome measurements.
- g. Task Force on Scheduling (Golland; Tamulis)
- h. IBHE-FAC (Cortese) – Not present
- i. Bargaining Unit (Estep; Klomes) Klomes – No grievance on the table.
- j. Scheduling Task Force: David and Andrius co-chair - Would like someone from CHHS, Working on scheduling Choices.

Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes by B. Winicki; S. Spencer seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

XII. Appointments

- a. Discussed a replacement for Alicia Battles' position (what is the name of the position)? D. Golland will follow up.
- b. J. Goode and C. White appointed by Senate to PBAC; no volunteers to fill the other two positions - Graduate Council (1 senator) and Task Force on Scheduling (1 CHHS senator/representative).

Adjournment: D. Golland adjourned the meeting at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Spencer
Faculty Senate Secretary