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**Governors State University Faculty Senate
February 20, 2020, 1:00-3:00PM, Hall of Honors
Minutes**

Senators in Attendance:

X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)	X	D. James (CAS)		S. Cervantes (COE)
X	A Vujaklija (AL/COE)*	X	T. Gsell (CAS)	X	M. Cummings (COE)
X	D. Golland (AL/CAS)*	X	C. White (CAS)*	X	C. Tymkow (CHHS)*
X	K. Boland-Prom* (AL/CHHS)	X	C. Vanderpool (COB)*		M. Zell (CHHS)*
X	S. Wagner (AL/COB)	X	A. Keane (COB)*	X	G. Grumbach (CHHS)
X	J. Goode (CAS)*	X	W. Kresse (COB)*	X	S. Spencer (CHHS)*
X	C. Tweddle (CAS)	X	J. Klomes (COE)	X	L. Geller (UL)*
	D. Cortese (CAS)	X	S. Patrick (COE)	X	S. Comer (Unit B/CHHS)
X	P. Guimond (CAS)	X	A. Cipra (COE)	X	B. Winicki (Emeritus)

* 2018-19 Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

Others Present: E. Cada; C. Sexton; R. Johnsen; Sandi Estep; G. Thomas; K. Grab.

- I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda. Golland called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Motion made to approve agenda. No objections. Motion carries.
- II. External Reports
 - A. University Administration (Cada/Sexton).
 - (Cada) Because Dr. Valente left GSU, the Division of Student Affairs and the Division of Enrollment Management will now report to the Provost. This is a return to the former configuration of the organizational chart.
 - (Cada) GSU is having a major cafeteria renovation. Pictures have been posted in the cafeteria area. Scheduling of rooms and other challenges are being evaluated. Construction will start in early April. The E-Lounge will become the temporary cafeteria. The administration is trying to determine alternatives to computer classrooms in the Cube and class planning. This is anticipated to result in more competitive food services.
 - (Cada) Thanks to Dr. Muhammad for the African American Read-In event. This is beneficial for both the campus community and the external community.

- (Cada) Governor Pritzker has announced funding for the Supply Chain Innovation Center and Business Incubator, GSU's Illinois Innovation Network (IIN) hub. There will be collaborations possible with other universities. Hopefully funds will be released soon to renovate Hantack House.
 - (Cada) GSU and other universities have been invited to join the University of Illinois' undergraduate research day in Springfield this year. Up to 10 GSU students will be invited. The Provost's Office is sponsoring transportation. We are hoping to be in the afternoon session. The Governor may address students during the day. More information will be coming on this.
 - (Sexton) Reminder of GSU's Research Day being held on April 3rd. Proposals should be submitted as soon as possible, and the short turn-around schedule is somewhat difficult. Students and faculty are encouraged to participate to showcase research.
 - (Sexton) GSU is continuing its effort to be recognized as a Storm Ready Campus. Tornado drills are scheduled on Wednesday, March 18th in day and evening. All faculty and students are encouraged all to participate in the drills and not just stay in class.
 - (Sexton) The Higher Learning Commission ("HLC") will be on campus on April 6-7 to review the College of Education's proposal to convert the EDD to a Ph.D.
 - (Sexton) HLC will also be on campus on April 27-28. There will be opportunities for HLC visitors to meet with faculty at this time.
 - (Golland) Request to Dr. R. Johnsen for list of this year's promotions to full professor.
 - (Golland) Recognized Dr. D. James as temporary senator and Dr. C. White as a new Faculty Senate Executive Committee member.
 - Discussion held on whether there will be changes to college advising. (Cada) The advising structure is not going to change at this time.
 - The date for the University of Illinois' undergraduate research day was requested. (Cada) This will be held on May 6th.
 - (Golland) Read email from President of Student Senate stating that she will not be attending today's meeting and that there is nothing to report.
- B. University Professionals of Illinois (Estep).
- Dr. Estep and Dr. Johnsen have discussed and made edits and formatting changes to new UPI contract. It needs to be finalized and have a final read-through. Volunteers sought to read and edit the final version. Hard copies should be available in April.
 - Sabbatical faculty had to pay insurance benefits with after-tax dollars because of an error made by HR. Fixing this is problematic because of tax reporting. Guidance will be needed by expert on this situation.
 - Dr. Estep, in consultation with Dr. Johnsen, asked that the Faculty Senate conduct the UPC election during the Spring elections going forward.
 - The next UPI contract negotiating team begins this spring. There will be a 2.5 day retreat in Chicago. Anyone interested on being on the negotiating team should let Dr. Estep know.

- UPI has been planning to restart the old UPI excellence awards to members. UPI thinks they have a place for this event and can afford certificate and lunch for this. Eventually, UPI is planning on offering a monetary award. The award will be given to 10% of membership – 25 members per year recognized.
- III. Executive Session (Golland). Motion to move to closed session. Moved and seconded. Motion carries by roll call vote (passes unanimously). Closed session begins at 1:22 p.m. Motion to adjourn closed session. Moved and seconded. Motion carries without objection. Closed session ends at 2:07 p.m.
- IV. Old Business (Golland). Motion made to approve January Minutes. Moved and seconded by Executive Committee. Motion carries.
- V. Internal Reports
- A. Committees
1. Executive (Golland).
 - A report is included on pp. 10-12 in the packet.
 - (Boland- Prom) Thanked the Senate and Executive Committee for their work over the winter break, those who had portfolios up during January, and those who spoke at the January meeting.
 - (Golland) The Policy on Policies is still not approved. The Provost said she is waiting for the University lawyer to review it. Golland will keep pushing the issue and bring it to the new General Counsel’s attention.
 2. Curriculum (Tymkow).
 - A report is included on pp. 13-14 in the packet.
 - Workshop forum held for Committee members in the beginning of semester.
 - Tymkow is working with C. Sexton to make transparent when syllabi were last reviewed so that faculty and staff will know when the 5-year term is up and another review is necessary.
 - Unfortunately including this in a syllabus template will not work because the UCC is not the last sign-off on the syllabi.
 3. Policies (Boland-Prom).
 - Proposed Amendments to Policy 67 (Keane): Policy 67 was reworked to fit the current policy format and to make clear that the policy is in compliance with Illinois law. The changes to this policy were previously moved and seconded by IPC. Motion carries.
 - Proposed Amendments to Policy 6 (White): Amendments to Policy 6 were made with regard to implementation of withdrawal. “W” grades in policy are not to be included in student GPA calculations. The entire policy was also cleaned up to clarify language and categories. Procedures, for example, dates of deadlines, were removed from the policy.
 - Discussion was held on questions related to timeliness of withdrawals.
 - Discussion was held on why faculty members are not given notice of the withdrawal dates for the courses they are teaching. Golland asked Dr. S. Comer to send an email to Dr. K. Boland-Prom and him to remind him of this for the University calendar committee.

The changes to Policy 6 were previously moved and seconded by IPC. Motion carries.

- The next policy is Policy 52, the antidiscrimination policy, which should to be considered by FS before the end of the semester.
 - The IPC is considering several policies and cleaning up the website. There will likely be a consent agenda presented to deal with several policies at once.
4. Program Review (Vujaklija).
 - Program reviews have been slow, but will be increasing rapidly with cyclical reviews deadline to assist with HLC report.
 - Most recently the Biology MS approved, which is included in the report on p. 23 in the packet.
 - Since the report was submitted, the committee has approved the Economics BA.
 - The Committee has received insights from Dr. C. Sexton.
 - The whole form should be completed when submitting it for program review.
 5. General Education (Tweddle).
 - Moving forward on Aqua for assessing the First Year Seminar coursework. Information on this is included in a separate report in Dropbox. The Council hopes to have it included in HLC.
 - Two committees have been appointed for student learning outcomes and to work with UCC to help set guidelines for Gen Ed approval in the Curriculog process.
 6. Bylaws and Standing Rules (Kresse).
 - The committee received four suggestions for changes to bylaws and standing rules. The chair will send out a Doodle poll soon to set a date and time to discuss the proposals with the full committee.
- B. Optional
1. Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Committee (Cummings)
 - The Board meets regularly. They have conversation with state representatives on House of Representatives Higher Education Committee. Illinois State Representative Katie Stuart, D-112, Vice Chair of the Higher Education Committee, has provided areas of focus/concern:
 - Funding (MAP, AIM High)
 - Alternate Teaching Preparation Programs
 - Dual Credit
 - Performance Based Funding (no graduation rate)
 - Increased Use of Adjunct faculty
 - Use of placement test (ACT, SAT, GRE) – not useful, but might end up getting replaced with something else
 - The IBHE Executive Director wants to come to some of the Faculty Advisory Council meetings. Also, the new master plan is a priority for IBHE Executive Director and Chair. They are also working on supporting universities with respect to abrupt closures.
 - Dominic Dorsey, Director of SIUE ACCESS and Chair of the IBHE Disability Services Advisory Council discussed how faculty can support student and training faculty on accommodation letters.
 - Cummings has not been reimbursed for travel.

- Discussion held on whether the ACT or SAT is being used for placement and how assessment is made due to differences in high schools.
2. Graduate Studies Council (Gsell)
 - Policy 30 and Policy 38 were discussed by the Council.
 - They had a presentation on the change in the College of Education's EDD to a Ph.D. in counseling.
 - Bylaws discussion in Council. Bylaws existed prior to current leadership of Council. There needs to be input with Faculty Senate and Provost on Council bylaws. This will happen after HLC's visit.
- VI. New Business
- A. (Kresse) Made two-part motion to pass a resolution to authorize the Faculty Senate officers to open discussions with UPI regarding:
 - filing a request for review with the Public Access Counselor at the Illinois Attorney General, a civil action in the Circuit Court of Will County, and/or a complaint with the Will County State's Attorney on whether the Board of Trustees' ("BOT") February 7, 2020 meeting at their attorney's office in downtown Chicago was in violation of the Open Meetings Act; and
 - making a FOIA request seeking release of all audio recordings of closed or executive session meetings of the BOT and its committees, including March 19, 2019.

The officers then will report back to the Faculty Senate at the next meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carries.
 - B. (Golland) Made motion to authorize the Faculty Senate to use Senate funds to pay for the hotel costs of faculty members on the presidential search committee when attending committee meetings at O'Hare Airport. Motion moved and seconded. Amendment made to allow the Faculty Senate to seek reimbursement from GSU to pay for hotel rooms. Amendment fails. Motion fails.
 - C. (Klomes/Boland-Prom) Made motion made that the Faculty Senate request that the BOT treat all members of the presidential search committee should be treated equally in their service to the committee and should be valued equally (thus, if certain members of the committee have hotel costs paid by GSU, all members should have the same support). Moved and seconded. Motion carries.
 - D. (Winicki) Recognized that final enrollment persistence rate has been available but has not been released in the Analysis for Fall 2019 First-Year Student Academic Performance by the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management on p. 48 of the packet.
- VII. Adjournment (Golland). Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.