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**Governors State University Faculty Senate**  
**April 16, 2020, 1:00-3:00PM, BlackBoard Collaborate**  
**Minutes**

**Senators in Attendance:**

X	R. Muhammad (AL/COB)	X	D. James (CAS)	X	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)*		S. Spencer (CHHS)
X	C. Tweddle (CAS)	X	J. Klomes (COE)		L. Geller (UL)*
X	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)

\* 2019-20 Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

*Others Present:* J. Potempa, C. Sexton, R. Johnsen, S. Estep, M. Tyler

- I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda. Tymkow called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Motion made to approve agenda. No objections. Motion carries.
- II. Presentation: John Potempa, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Development and Management.
  - Facilities Development and Management slide show on projects being conducted on campus currently. (PowerPoint is available in the Blackboard documents.)
  - Discussion held on cleaning the campus because of Covid-19.
- III. Moment of Silence for Prof. Emeritus Dale Schuit, PhD, DPT (Tymkow).
- IV. External Reports
  - A. University Administration (Sexton).
    - Dr. Sexton shared two documents on temporary policy adjustments due to COVID-19 pandemic (available in Blackboard documents).
    - P/NC grades will be allowed for GSU approved General Educational courses. Students must meet with their faculty advisors to make these choices. Students have until by May 1 to make this choice.
    - The University is extending the date to withdraw from classes. Students must discuss this with their advisors.

- Dates have also been extended for completion of classes for which an incomplete grade has been submitted by a faculty member.
  - Students who are currently on probation can still choose P/NC. There will be an extension through fall semester for those students to improve their GPA if they elect to use P/NC for a course this term.
  - Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will be visiting campus virtually on April 27-28. Scheduling of the meetings faculty can attend will be provided shortly.
  - HLC has determined that they will visit campus next fall to address the change of the Counselor Education and Supervision Ed.D. to a Ph.D.
- B. University Professionals of Illinois (Estep).
- UPI has asked University to pay some faculty creating online teaching and syllabi in the fall, especially if classes are not going to be on campus. Renumeration is being considered for this.
  - \$3.8 million coming to the university from federal funds. Half of that is going to students, and UPI is asking that some also goes towards faculty.
  - Dr. Estep thanked the Provost Office for their work on the temporary policy adjustments for grading.
  - Dr. Estep will be happy to answer any questions on the Memorandum of Understanding between UPI and the university if faculty email her.
  - Discussion was held on the tenure evaluation extension, whereby untenured Unit A faculty can extend the time to tenure consideration by one year.
  - Dr. Estep applied for and received an AFT small grant providing money for students. This money is to be used to supplement the university's emergency funds for students.
  - Faculty will be asked to donate their federal government COVID funds received for "UPI Cares." This would be a tax-deductible donation.
  - Discussion held on possible faculty reimbursement for Zoom accounts and extra costs for faculty getting classes online.
  - UPI contract redline will be sent around again.
  - Dr. Johnsen reported that a clean version of UPI contract will be sent around to everyone soon.
  - Discussion was held on UPC election.
- C. Student Senate (Tyler).
- The Student Senate has been listening to concerns of students.
  - Student Senate is hosting a virtual town hall meeting on Thursday, April 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. so that students can discuss the issues they have been dealing with and hear from the university administration. Faculty will be invited to attend.
  - Discussion was held on the CARES funds from federal government, half of which goes to students, and whether the Student Senate is being consulted by the administration on the use of this money.
  - Discussion was held on students who have had difficulty at this time with online courses, student jobs, taking care of children and siblings, Prairie Place, and other subjects. It is anticipated that these topics will be addressed at the town hall meeting.
- V. Executive Session (Tymkow). Motion to move to closed session. Moved and seconded. Motion carries by roll call vote. Closed session begins at 2:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn closed session. Moved and seconded. Motion carries without objection. Closed session ends at 2:54 p.m.
- VI. Motion made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Seconded. Motion carries.
- VII. Old Business (Tymkow). Motion made to approve February Minutes. Moved and seconded by Executive Committee. Motion carries.

## VIII. Internal Reports

### A. Committees

1. Executive (Tymkow).
  - Discussion held on Executive Committee's decision bring a motion to seek reimbursement from the Faculty Senate's budget for the Unit B faculty member on the Presidential Search Committee.
  - Motion made to amend the original motion (Tymkow). The amendment is to extend the original motion to reimburse all faculty members serving on the Presidential Search Committee for hotel funds from the Faculty Senate's budget. Seconded. Motion carries.
  - Motion to reimburse voted on. Motion carries.
2. Motion made to extend the Faculty Senate meeting by another 15 minutes. Seconded. Motion carries.
3. Policies (Boland-Prom).
  - Amendments to Policy 2 (Curriculum and Course Approval Change Policy and Procedures) are currently posted on IPC website for comments.
  - Policy 52 (Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy and Compliance Procedures) (Vanderpool/Patrick/Keane). Amendments and updates have been made to the policy. Stakeholders at the university had input into changes in the policy. With regard to the sole public comment received on the policy, this is solely directed towards discrimination and discriminatory harassment. Bullying is covered in a different policy. Vote held. Policy approved.
4. Curriculum (Tymkow).
  - The committee's report is in the packet.
  - With regard to Dr. Estep's comment about having the committee work over summer to review syllabi, this needs to be discussed with the members of UCC first before the administration can make a decision on this.
5. Bylaws and Standing Rules (Kresse).
  - Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and Standing Rules have been posted in "Documents" in Blackboard for review by senators.
  - Comments on the proposed amendments should be entered in the Discussion Board in Blackboard. The Discussion Board will be available for comment and discussion until the May meeting, at which time the proposed amendments will be voted on.

### B. Optional

1. Graduate Studies Council (Gsell).
  - The Graduate Certificate in Teacher Leadership was voted on and approved at today's meeting.
  - The Council discussed Policy 30 and Policy 58. There will be a vote on these policies on May 7 to send them to IPC.

## IX. New Business

### A. Consent Agenda

1. Empaneling Scholarship Committee (EC)
2. Proposed Amendments to Policies 40, 56, 63 (IPC)
3. Motion made to approve the two items on the Consent Agenda. Seconded. Motion carries.

### B. Motion made to extend for an additional 15 minutes made. Seconded. Motion carries.

### C. Other New Business (Golland).

- The Board of Trustees (BOT) are meeting tomorrow regarding the presidential search tomorrow and will be interviewing the four candidates. Another BOT meeting has been scheduled on April 22. Faculty are encouraged to attend both BOT meetings.

- BOT will not announce any offers until the offeree has accepted.
  - The Presidential Search Committee is aware that UPI Local 4100 has had a negative recommendation of a particular candidate.
  - A concern was expressed that individuals could submit multiple surveys.
  - Discussion held on Dr. Cummings' reimbursement for attending IBHE meetings.
  - Discussion held on FOIA request related to BOT meetings.
- X. Adjournment (Tymkow). Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.