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Governors State University Faculty Senate
May 14, 2020, 1:00-3:30PM, BlackBoard Collaborate
Minutes

Senators in Attendance:

X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)	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)*	X	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)		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)

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

Others Present: E. Maimon; E. Cada; C. Sexton; R. Johnsen; P. Purdue; J. Vining; X. Chen; S. Wadhwa; A. Fulambarker; J. Sopiartz

- I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda. Golland called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Motion made to approve agenda. No objections. Motion carries.
- II. External Reports
 - A. University Administration (Maimon/Cada/Sexton)
 - President Maimon thanked faculty for their service to the GSU community, especially since COVID-19.
 - Dr. Sexton thanked faculty who participated in the Higher Learning Commission’s virtual visit and discussed the HLC’s anticipated on-site visit once the campus re-opens and its eventual report.
 - Protocols for cleaning on campus have been developed and will be shared with the GSU community by email today.
 - Faculty was reminded that University Park has guidelines regarding wearing face covering in public space. Face covering must be worn on campus now.
 - COVID-19 confirmed case updates are being made based on self-reporting, and the Maxient system is being used to track these reports. There have been a total of

seven positive cases of COVID, three students and four employees. Students who have self-reported are being encouraged to tell their instructors to ensure that they can receive help from faculty. Any faculty or student who has class with a student who has tested positive is being informed.

- Provost Cada thanked the faculty on their work this academic year.
- A COVID-19 planning framework for AY 20-21 is being developed by GSU and other state universities.
- GSU received \$1.7 million in student aid under the CARES Act. There have been 935 applications from GSU students so far. Two other funds are also available for students: a COVID-19 fund, which still has funds available; and Student Emergency fund, which is currently exhausted. Faculty are encouraged to contribute to these funds.
- Dr. Golland thanked President Maimon for her service to GSU.

B. University Professionals of Illinois (Estep)

- UPI applied for and received \$5,000 of grant money for students in need. Donations will be taken from faculty to attempt to match this grant money. Grants to students of up to \$500 can be made, and this amount can also go to undocumented students.
- UPI Local has ordered masks with UPI logo. These should arrive in around three weeks. Members will be contacted on how the masks will be sent.
- Dr. Golland stated that the Faculty Senate Student Scholarship fund may be interested in donating funds to the UPI grant funds for students.
- Discussion held on the current level of applications and admissions for freshmen.

III. Annual Standing Committee Reports

A. Executive (Golland)

- It has been a busy year of liaising with new Board of Trustees, the presidential search and welcoming Dr. Cheryl Green as sixth president, as well as the pandemic.
- There are three items on the consent agenda for the Executive Committee.

B. Policies (Boland-Prom)

- There are four items on the consent agenda for the meeting relating to Policy 2, Policy 3, Policy 12, and Policy 46.
- IPC has been and will continue to review old policies. Those that are in good shape are reconfirmed by IPC and sent to the Faculty Senate.
- The new attorney for GSU will be attending future IPC meetings.
- Dr. Boland-Prom acknowledged Dr. Cummings for serving as IPC Secretary and Dr. Vanderpool, Dr. Patrick, Dr. White, Dr. Vining, Dr. Ermasova, and Professor Keane for their service on IPC.
- Discussion held on policies that have not been finalized this year, which will be followed up on next fall.

C. Curriculum (Tymkow)

- The UCC reviewed 253 curricula, including program changes, new policies, annual listings, etc.
- Entire list of courses that have been reviewed is available and will be shared by Dr. Tymkow if sought.

- Discussion held on changes to Policy 2 and deprecation of Policy 3.
 - The UCC anticipates having two to three additional meetings this academic year.
 - Dr. Tymkow thanked the members of the UCC for their work this year.
- D. Program Review (Vujaklija)
- The APRC approved seven undergraduate programs and 2 graduate programs
 - Two minors are in queue now. APRC is planning to get these minors through review by end of academic year.
 - Discussion held on information on the Excel spreadsheet provided in the APRC packet related to the former M.A. in reading.
 - Dr. Vujaklija thanked the members of the APRC for their hard work.
- E. General Education (Zell/Tweddle)
- The General Education Council was involved in discussion and development of capstones, effectiveness of certain programs and student support systems, credit requirements for completion of undergraduate degrees, Curriculog, changes to cohort model for freshmen, and other topics.
 - Several subcommittee into Smart Start, Mastering College, and other programs were developed.
 - Faculty learning communities was a success. The GEC hopes to get additional funding from Provost Office for these communities next academic year.
 - Members began getting trained in AQUA to assess first year seminar.
 - Discussion held on co-requisites, First Year Seminar, and Mastering College
 - Dr. Golland thanked Dr. Vujaklija and APRC members for their work with the HLC visit. Dr. Golland also thanked the GEC.
- IV. Summary of 2019-20 Senate Resolutions (Keane)
- There were four resolutions entered in the 2019-2020 academic year.
 - No. 1: A Resolution regarding the Senate Standing Committees as amended. This resolution changed the membership of the Academic Program Review Committee from one Unit A faculty member from each college, one from the University Library, and four at large to two Unit A faculty members from each college, one from the University Library, and two at large. It also changed the at-large seat on the APRC held by Dr. Carlos Ferran to a seat representing the College of Business expiring in 2021, and the at-large seat held Dr. Zing Zhang to a seat representing the College of Arts & Sciences expiring in 2020.
 - No. 2: A Resolution forming a Task Force on the Faculty Senate Bylaws and Standing Rules. This resolution formed a task force to analyze the current Bylaws and Standing Rules and recommend amendments thereto.
 - No. 3: A Resolution regarding the Continuing Confidence of the Faculty in the Leadership of President Elaine P. Maimon. This resolution resolved that the Faculty Senate had no confidence in the president.
 - No. 4: A Resolution regarding the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. This resolution allowed the Faculty Senate officers to open a dialogue with the UPI regarding whether a Board of Trustees' meeting was in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and whether the audio recordings from BOT's meetings should be sought under FOIA.
- V. Executive Session (Golland). Motion to move to closed session. Moved and seconded. Motion carries by roll call vote. Closed session begins at 1:59 p.m. Motion to adjourn

closed session. Moved and seconded. Motion carries without objection. Closed session ends at 2:37 p.m.

VI. Old Business

- A. April Minutes (Keane). Moved and seconded in Executive Committee. Motion carries.
- B. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and Standing Rules (Kresse). Moved and seconded by Executive Committee.
- Discussion held on proposed amendment to the Bylaws creating the Faculty Wellness Committee.
 - Discussion held on whether councils and committees that are not under the control of the Faculty Senate should be included in the Bylaws.
 - Discussion held regarding proposed amendments to Bylaws on elections.
 - Discussion held regarding proposed amendments to Bylaws on the Faculty Senate president presiding over initial meetings of standing committees.
 - Discussion held regarding the distribution of credit hours to standing committee chairs.
 - The proposed Bylaws were amended by striking the proposed revisions in Article 3, Section 4, subsection H.
 - Vote to approve amendments to Bylaws and Standing Rules, as amended. Motion carries unanimously. Approved as amended.

VII. New Business

- A. Annual Shared Governance Elections (Kresse). Moved and seconded by Executive Committee. Motion passes. Election is certified unanimously.
- B. Motion made as follows: “The University Faculty Senate acknowledges the Memorandum of Agreement signed by Drs. Sondra Estep and Rosemary Johnsen dated April 27, 2020. We applaud the University Professionals of Illinois for adopting the standard established by the Faculty Senate, in accordance with Illinois election law, that no individual can simultaneously seek two seats on the same committee. We recognize that the 2020-21 University Personnel Committee will be seated by the provost according to the results of an election conducted by the University Professionals of Illinois.” Seconded. Motion carries by unanimous consent.
- C. Motion made to extend meeting by 15 minutes. Seconded. Motion carries.
- D. Consent Agenda. Motion made to pass the Consent Agenda as written. Seconded. Motion carries.

VIII. Other New Business.

- Discussion held on the election for filling vacant seats. Dr. Golland reminded faculty that the Faculty Senate Committee Roster is only evidence of serving in a particular seat at the time the roster was issued.
- Dr. Golland thanked the faculty serving on the Faculty Senate this difficult year.
- Dr. Muhammad reported that the Graduation Committee met this morning. An email will be sent shortly regarding the committee and how faculty can get involved in the graduation ceremonies this year.
- Dr. Tymkow thanked Dr. Golland for his leadership.

IX. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.