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**Governors State University Faculty Senate  
October 15, 2020, 1:00-3:00PM, Zoom  
Minutes**

**Senators in Attendance:**

X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)	X	T. Gsell (CAS)	X	G. Grumbach (CHHS)
X	A Vujaklija (AL/COE)*	X	C. White (CAS)	X	S. Spencer (CHHS)
X	D. Golland (AL/CAS)*	X	C. Vanderpool (COB)	X	C. Tymkow (CHHS)*
X	K. Boland-Prom (AL/CHHS)*	X	A. Keane (COB)*		S. Wadhwa (CHHS)
X	S. Wagner (AL/COB)	X	W. Kresse (COB)*	X	M. Zell (CHHS/GEC)*
X	X. Chen (CAS)	X	S. Cervantes (COE)	X	J. Sopiartz (UL)*
X	J. Vining (CAS)*	X	S. Patrick (COE)*	X	T. Kerns (Unit B/COB)*
X	N. Ermasova (CAS)	X	A. Cipra (COE)	X	B. Winicki (Emeritus)
X	P. Guimond (CAS)	X	M. Cummings (COE)	X	C. Tweddle (CAS/GEC) <sup>+</sup>
X	D. James (CAS)	X	A. Fulambarker (CHHS)*		

\* 2020-21 Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

<sup>+</sup>Non-voting

*Others Present:* C. Green; E. Cada; C. Sexton; M. Tyler

- 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. Agenda approved.
- II. External Reports
  - A. University Administration (Green/Cada/Sexton)
    - President Green stated that she is planning to attend Faculty Senate meetings regularly. She did not prepare formal remarks for this meeting. However, she did note that she recently had a meeting with the Faculty Senate and other campus leadership groups to discuss the effect of COVID-19 on the spring semester. Spring break will be eliminated, and the semester will end a week early. Generally, GSU will adopt the same plan and agreement in the spring semester as

was adopted in fall semester. Classes will be overwhelmingly provided through remote and alternative delivery modalities.

- Discussion held regarding commencement.
- The Provost discussed the consultation with the Faculty Senate president and others regarding spring semester. The pandemic situation has not improved and health and safety continue to be top priority.
- The Provost thanked the GSU community for working to keep GSU safe, with special thanks to faculty for helping to keep students safe.
- The instructional plan for spring will look like the fall plan. Remote, hybrid, and limited face to face classes will be the norm.
- The strategic enrollment planning process is being conducted in conjunction with Ruffalo Noel Levitz (RNL). A town hall meeting on this process occurred at the end of September. This is a four-phase project that will take about a year. The first phase has been completed and the second phase is beginning. Thanks to the faculty members on the executive leadership team and the faculty working in the six working groups. The team members look at focus areas and create situational analysis.
- Members of the committee will be considering focus area data. RNL is providing data on our competition to compare with internal data that will be presented along with strategies to the leadership to determine which of these will work within GSU.
- Discussion held on how the plan will work to recruit students and enroll students and work with them to degree completion.
- President Green stated that the Strategy 2025 Planning Committee should be reinstated to assist with operationalization of our eight strategic plan goals. Information will be sent out to the Faculty Senate and other groups on campus.
- Discussion held regarding the Higher Learning Commission visit.
- Discussion held about communication about scheduling for strategic enrollment planning work groups.
- Dr. Vujaklija and Dr. Matthew Cooney presented at the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Faculty Development Conference on October 9, 2020 based upon their work with the Illinois Equity in Attainment (ILEA) initiative at GSU.

#### B. University Professionals of Illinois (Wagner)

- The regular UPI meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. before this meeting.
- Dr. Estep has been involved in discussions with the administration and other campus leaders on the plans for spring semester.

#### C. Student Senate (Tyler)

- Student Senate Election has been completed. The Student Senate is still looking for students to fill non-executive board positions.
- The Student Senate held presidential debate watch parties.
- They are planning to have activities centered around voter engagement until November.

- President Green asked Student Senate president Tyler for a roster of the newly elected Student Senate officers.
- III. Closed Session. Motion to move to closed session. Moved and seconded. Motion carries by roll call vote. Closed session began at 1:28 p.m. Motion to adjourn closed session. Moved and seconded. Motion carries without objection. Closed session ends at 2:31 p.m.
- IV. Old Business:
- A. Approval of Previous Minutes. Motion made to approve the August Senate Minutes. Seconded. Approved.
  - B. Potential faculty Placement on Emergency Response Team discussed.
- V. Reports
- A. Committees
    1. Executive (Golland)
      - a. Appointments to Vacancies. Appointment of Dr. Serena Wadhwa to IPC as the CHHS representative has been moved and seconded by the Executive Committee. No objection.
      - b. Resolution 2020-21 No. 06.
        - Motion made to approve Resolution 2020-21 No. 06 – A Resolution Regarding the Potential Granting of the Honorific “President Emeritus.” Seconded.
        - Dr. Kresse made a motion to amend the resolution by striking the final “whereas” paragraph and the final paragraph. Seconded. One no vote, one abstention. Motion to amend passes.
        - Dr. Muhammad made a motion to amend first paragraph to add stronger language “overwhelmingly voted no confidence.” Seconded. No objection. Motion to amend passes.
        - Dr. Boland-Prom thanked the Executive Committee for putting resolution together.
        - Motion passed as amended.
    2. Curriculum (Tymkow)
      - See written report.
    3. Policies (Boland-Prom)
      - See written report.
      - The IPC is in the process of reviewing many policies. Policy 1 was returned from Provost with legal edits and is currently in the public comment period. This will be being voted on by IPC shortly.
      - Policy 2 is also in the public comment period.
    4. Program Review (Vujaklija)
      - See written report.
      - Concept of liaisons has been quite beneficial and is very helpful. New programs are coming up for approval.
      - Because of the creativity of some of the new proposed programs, there needs to be some work done on changing some of the forms on the website.
    5. General Education (Zell/Tweddle)
      - See written report.
      - The Council met with the majority of Junior Seminar faculty and is finishing meeting with instructors of first year courses. Assessments are being

conducted. Signature assignments and rubrics to assess program are being built in Aqua.

## B. Optional

1. Illinois Board of Higher Education (Cummings)
  - Written report will be in next Senate packet.
  - The Board met with the Board chair. There are four questions that are being asked of faculty at public universities in Illinois with respect to developing a master plan for higher education for IBHE.
    - Why is having a strategic plan for higher education in Illinois important to you? What do you hope it accomplishes?
    - What are the key issues you hope the strategic plan will address? What questions do you think it needs to answer?
    - What does success in the higher education system look like 5 years from now (2025)? 10 years from now (2030)?
    - What would it take to close equity gaps in higher education attainment?
  - Dr. Cummings will share these questions with GSU's faculty to get their input.
2. Graduate Studies Council (Gsell)
  - The Council met on October 3 and today.
  - On October 3 there was a discussion on graduate change of program and Policy 16. This policy has been sent to IPC.
  - Today, the discussion was on virtual orientation for graduate programs, the graduate programming calendar, scholarships and other recruitment.
  - There was also a program review for PsyD.
  - Additional policies will be reviewed going forward.
  - Discussion held on Policy 16.
3. Policy Monitoring Committee (Cipra)
  - The committee had a meeting to elect a chair and discuss the purpose of the committee. The committee meets on as needed basis. Chair needs to be a senator. As Dr. Cipra is leaving the Faculty Senate next year, she encourages one of the current senators to step up.
4. Institutional Review Board (Grumbach)
  - See written report. The IRB is considering the use of a new program called SONA.
  - There has been one full board review so far.
  - Discussion held on SONA and its uses.
5. Faculty Professional Development (Cervantes)
  - The committee's first meeting was held at which the CAES strategic plan was discussed. Dr. Sexton shared objectives for this plan and provided suggestions on expanding objectives. Dr. Sexton has suggested that the committee convene a strategic plan subcommittee.
  - The committee is again raising the idea of development of a campus-wide mentoring initiative.

- The administration has indicated that, with regard to future campus symposiums, the president has not visited whether this is a tradition that will be continued.
  - A written report will be submitted for the next Faculty Senate meeting.
6. Motion made to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Seconded. No objection.
  7. Enrollment Management (Tymkow/Vujaklija)
    - The committee has had an initial meeting at which an overview was provided. Dr. Vujaklija and Dr. Tymkow are looking forward to future meetings.
  8. APC (Vanderpool)
    - Dr. Vanderpool is considering suggesting a policy on naming university property.
- VI. New Business
- Dr. Andrius Tamulis addressed the Faculty Senate on his opinion that Resolution 2020-21 No. 05 asking the Board of Trustees to consider renaming the Columbus Carillon should be rescinded. He disagreed with renaming the carillon and wondered if there is any way to remove that decision on the resolution. He believes that this is a knee-jerk reaction that is unwarranted.
  - Discussion held on renaming the carillon.
  - Dr. Kresse reminded Senators to vote and not to forget to fill out your census form.
- VII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.