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**Governors State University Faculty Senate
April 15, 2021, 1:00 pm, Zoom**

Minutes

Senators in Attendance:

	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)	X	T. Gsell (CAS)		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)*	X	S. Wadhwa (CHHS)
X	S. Wagner (AL/COB)	X	W. Kresse (COB)*	X	M. Zell (CHHS/GEC)*
X	J. Goode (CAS) Goode	X	S. Azmy (COE)	X	J. Sopiarcz (UL)
X	J. Vining (CAS)*	X	S. Cervantes (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)+
X	D. James (CAS)		A. Buehler (CHHS)*		

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

+ Non-voting

Others Present: K. Wild; D. Rhea; R. Abed; S. Estep; M. Tyler

- I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda. Dr. Golland called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Motion made to approve agenda. Moved and seconded by EC. Agenda amended to remove resolution from the Executive Report. Agenda approved unanimously as amended.
- II. Public Comment.
 - Ms. Kaitlyn Anne Wild introduced herself as the new Director of Compliance for GSU.
- III. Guest Speakers
 - A. Dr. David Rhea, Director, University Honors Presentation
 - Dr. Rhea made a presentation on the Honors Program.
 - Highlighted Advisory Board members and their accomplishments related to the Honors Program, scholarships, articles and authorship, and Student Council.

- Provided information on the Guaranteed Graduate Admissions Pathway (GPATH), long-term impact data and predictive analytics on admissions, the undergraduate research initiative and undergraduate authorship in the Honors Program, study abroad for Honors students, retention and graduation in the Honors Program, and Honors Program alumni impacts locally and beyond.
 - Dr. Kresse commented that he is impressed with the people Dr. Rhea has brought together.
 - Discussion held on GPATH and Honors students who leave GSU to advance their academic journey.
 - Discussion held regarding Honors alumni and working with the Alumni Foundation.
 - Dr. Zell commented that she is a part of Honors Advisory Board and that Dr. Rhea is very committed to students and to the faculty, which he brought to the HAB.
- B. Ms. Rasha Abed, Director, Sponsored Projects and Research Presentation
- Ms. Abed made a presentation about Sponsored Projects and Research and the Grant Advisory Committee.
 - Highlighted that the purpose of the GAC is improve post-award procedures and processes, manage grant awards, and engage with PIs on how to improve the post-award process.
 - Discussed how pre-award processes have also started to be considered by the GAC through training, staff development, and resource allocation.
 - Dr. Abed is interested in feedback and advice from the Faculty Senate about how the GAC should continue
 - Discussion held on the numbers of grants being received at GSU.
- IV. External Reports
- A. University Professionals of Illinois (Estep)
- Dr. Estep thanked faculty for contributing to emergency funds for students and discussed how the funds were used to help students. Additional funds are now available.
 - Discussed the work on the MOU.
 - Discussed the UPC elections and asked faculty to nominate members of their colleges and vote.
 - Discussion held on COVID-19 variants and post-COVID syndrome.
 - Dr. Boland-Prom offered a resolution.
 - Dr. Kresse made a point of order stating that making a motion during a report is not timely.
 - Dr. Boland-Prom stated she would hold her resolution until the new business portion of the agenda.
 - Dr. Wagner stated that the deadline for submitting ballots for UPI elections is April 23. He asked that faculty please vote in the election.
- B. Student Senate (Tyler)
- Mr. Tyler noted that students are benefiting from the UPI's emergency funds and thanked UPI.
 - Vaccinations will be covered at Student Senate's last talking circle on April 23. The Student Senate is hoping to educate students on the importance of vaccinations.
 - A new student club for occupational therapy students has been started on campus.
 - The Student Senate will be working to assist students over the summer and next semester.
- V. Old Business
- Approval of March Minutes. Moved and seconded by EC. No objection. Approved.

VI. Internal Reports

A. Committees

1. Executive (Golland)

- Discussion of Chicago State University and issues related to other universities.
- Reminder to submit nominations for the Faculty Service Awards. Please send nominations to Drs. Golland, Tymkow, and Keane
- Discussion of Faculty Senate student scholarships. Senators who are interested in serving on the committee to select scholarship winners should contact Dr. Golland.
- Discussion held on the format of the graduation ceremonies this year.

2. Curriculum (Tymkow)

- Written report in the packet.
- UCC made several more approvals of courses and programs since the report was submitted.
- Policy 2, which makes the process for curriculum approval official, was signed and passed.
- A checklist to assist college curriculum committees in developing submissions is available on the UCC Faculty Senate webpage.
- Examples of +/- grading scales are also available on the webpage.
- Discussion held on the checklist and causes and solutions for curriculum process slowdown.

3. Policies (Boland-Prom)

- Amendments to Policy 46. IPC moved and seconded Policy 46 for approval by the Faculty Senate. No objection. Approved and passed by acclamation.

4. Program Review (Vujaklija)

- A written report is included in the packet.
- Requests for further information and clarification have come from program coordinators.
- Dr. Golland requested annual reports from the committees for the May Faculty Senate meeting.

5. General Education (Zell/Tweddle)

- Received an application for each of the open positions, Director and Associate Director.

B. Optional

1. Graduate Studies Council (Gsell)

- A written report is included in the packet.
- Dr. Cummings presented an internship for superintendents, and the Council is going to review it.

2. Institutional Review Board

- Dr. Golland stated that the election roster for the IRB was off for the Provost's appointments. Faculty Senate appointments will be staggered and he recommended that the Provost do the same, to which she agreed. This year, three board members will be replaced by the Provost.

3. Professional Development (Cervantes)

- At yesterday's meeting, the committee discussed mentoring and including that subject in the Faculty Development Day.

4. Enrollment Management (Tymkow/Vujaklija)

- Meetings were held with breakout groups. They are scheduled to report on April 26 to the President's cabinet.

VII. New Business

- Dr. Boland-Prom moved that the Faculty Senate thank UPI for ensuring that we have a UPC committee. Seconded.
- Dr. Kresse moved Dr. Boland-Prom's motion be postponed until the May meeting to provide time for Senators to review and asked Dr. Keane to circulate Dr. Boland-Prom's motion. Dr. Tymkow seconded.
- Discussion held on Dr. Kresse's motion.
- Dr. Kresse withdrew his motion to postpone. Second also withdrawn.
- Dr. Boland-Prom withdrew her motion. Second also withdrawn.
- Dr. Boland-Prom moved that the Faculty Senate recognize the existing MOA between UPI and administration regarding UPC elections. Seconded. Discussion held.
- Dr. Kresse moved to postpone this matter and have it placed on May Faculty Senate agenda as old business. Seconded.
- Dr. Tymkow moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded. Roll call vote held. Twenty yes, one no, one abstention.

VIII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.