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**Governors State University Faculty Senate
Minutes DRAFT
January 20, 2022, 1:00-3:00PM
Location: Hall of Honors and Zoom
Minutes**

Senators in Attendance:

	Alozie, E. (CAS)		Goode, J. (CAS)	x	Tweddle, C. (AL/CAS)*
	Azmy, S. (COE)*	x	Guimond, P. (CAS)	x	Tymkow, C. (CHHS/UCC)
x	Buehler, A. (CHHS)	x	He, T. (COB)*	x	Vanderpool, C. (COB)
x	Can, A. (COE)	x	James, D. (CAS)	x	Vining, J. (CAS)
	Cipra, A. (COE)	x	Manprisio, R. (CAS)	x	Vujaklija, A. (AL/COE/APRC)
x	Cummings, M. (COE)*	x	Mengova, E. (COB)		Wadhwa, S. (CHHS)
x	Didion, C. (UL)*	x	Muhammad, R. (AL/CAS)	x	White, C. (CAS/IPC)
x	Ermasova, N. (CAS)	x	Peng, L. (COE)*		Zell, M. (AL/CHHS)
	Golland, D. (AL/CAS)	x	Rekter, N. (CHHS)*	x	Kerns, T. (Unit B)
		x	Spencer, S. (CHHS)	x	Winicki, B. (Emeritus)

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

Others Present: K. Boland-Prom, C. Bradford, C. Cervantes, C. Green, G. Grumbach, T. Kerns, N. Pagone, C. Pustz, C. Sexton,

- I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda: The meeting was called to order with a quorum at 1:04 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Cummings. Agenda approval moved and seconded by Executive Committee. Agenda approved without amendment.
- II. Approval of Officer Appointment: Approval of C. Didion to serve as Parliamentarian
- III. Presentations: No presentations
- IV. External Reports
 - A. University Administration (Green, Sexton, and Bradford)

- President Green welcomed those in attendance to a new year and new semester
- Administration completed the addendum with UPI for the return to campus. President Green addressed an email that implied administration refused to bargain. She said the communication contained misinformation/misunderstanding as administration has completed four MOUs with UPI.
- President Green thanked Senate President Cummings for work done to prepare for the ISHE commission for affordable academic finding.
- President Green spoke about Dr. Damon William's presentation held earlier in the morning and invited faculty to join the faculty session held at 3:30.
- President Green announced GSU is planning regular face to face graduation with outdoor celebrations
- Dr. Sexton shared that there is a glitch with the Blackboard following the transition to the self hosted server to cloud server. The Blackboard app needs to be refreshed by being redownloaded
- Dr. Sexton gave a call out to senate committees: UCC chaired by Catherine Tymkow for work in the fall. (Lisa helm is now working in Provost Office.) Amy Vujaklija chair of APRC has completed early program reviews in fall, and working on programs coming up February 1st. (Marco K left GSU in December. Jessica Haynes is the analyst working on reports contact her or Erin Glimb and cc Dr. Sexton.) Chris White, IPC and APC working with general counsel. AMPAC reconstituting, met in fall Lei Wei co-chair,
- Dr. Sexton spoke about the decline in student enrollment at the community college that will impact GSU. Total FTE, down 8.5%, total student credit hours are down 9%, undergraduate FTE down 14 %, graduate credit hours up 2.98%
- Amy Comparon (co-chair) will restart the retention graduation sub-committee
- Dr. Sexton gave kudos to Paul Mc Guinness as new student enrollment is up
- President Green shared that GSU is implementing the strategic enrollment plan, co-chaired by Dr. Johnsen and Paul McGuinness. The State of Illinois implemented the common application. Surrounding states have lower tuition rates and a declining birth rate.
- New Provost will being March 1st.
- Dr. Bradford thanked senate members for their participation in the development of the campus facility master plan. The plan was given to board January 5th to be finalized by end of spring semester. The plan sets a new road map for the university to be implemented over the next 10 years. Includes spaces for collaborative spaces, new clinical spaces,

a new library, new student study spaces, and faculty offices. For a copy of draft contact John Potempa.

- Dr. Bradford spoke at the all-college meetings where he encouraged submission of innovative funding proposals. Currently in the budgeting planning stage. Submit ideas to advance growth and close achievement gaps.
- IBHE made budget recommendations and gave GSU a very favorable recommendation that exceeded our requests. GSU requested 8% IBHE recommended highest increase of 12%.
- University Professionals of Illinois (Hart): not present
- Student Senate (Manrique): not present
- Civil Service Senate (Harper): not present

V. Old Business

Action Item-Approval of Previous Senate Minutes: minutes approved as amended

VI. Reports

A. Committees

- Executive (Cummings)
 - See report in packet.
 - President Cummings is working on an initiative related to how we are supporting new faculty, from their first year and beyond. This would be a comprehensive plan offered to all GSU faculty. Will work with institutional wellness and faculty professional development committees to develop ideas.
 - President Cummings has given reports to the Board of Trustees highlighting the colleges, COB, COE. College reps can send information to be highlighted
 - Faculty are encouraged to attend graduation, at least 5-8 from each college are needed
- Curriculum (Tymkow)
 - See report in packet
 - Cynthia Romanowski gave nice presentation at the FPDD day on January 10th, AMPAC has a new form for renewies and remies. There is a representative from every college on that committee and they can make a presentation at your college meeting
- Policies (White)
 - See report in the packet
 - Finishing academic grievance policy, voting Jan 27th, will present to Faculty Senate in February
 - Academic conduct policy is next after compliance review from general counsel,
 - Draft definition statement, preview of IPC, propose language to revision to senate bylaws, will present to Faculty Senate in Febraury

- Transition to curriculog, for new policies
- Graduate studies is going to reduce the # of credit hours from 32 to 30
- Working to making grading policy permanent from intrim
- Program Review (Vujaklija)
 - Worked on approved certificates that were entered into system, next meeting January 27th from 1-3:00, AMPAC downloaded form from curriculog to make available, for a program proposal
- General Education (Tweddle/Cipra)
 - The summer bridge program has the final pieces in place, including marketing, program intended for first year, first generation students
 - There is an open seat for GEC for COE
 - Next meeting January 26th remote, contact Chris if interested in attending
- Institutional Wellness (Kelly/Openshaw)
 - Report in packet
- B. Optional (10 mins.)
 - Illinois Board of Higher Education (TBD)
 - President Cummings will attend meetings until replacement, GSU is hosting meeting virtual or hybrid, day after senate meeting, possible presentations from GSU to other universities, February 18th faculty advisory council
 - Graduate Studies Council (Muhammad)
 - Did not meet this week
 - See report, same as last time
 - Updating graduate handbook and creating individual college sections
 - Proposal to change credit hours 32 to 30
 - Policy Monitoring Committee (Conrad)
 - No updates
 - Institutional Review Board (Grumbach)
 - See report
 - Faculty Professional Development (Cervantes)
 - Very productive faculty development day with a slightly changed format. Used an Intellectual Life grant for guest speaker, topic syllabi
 - Would like to have themes for future professional development days
 - Enrollment Management (Tymkow/Vujaklija)
 - Committee has disbanded
 - Could have Paul McGuinness come to present the plan created by the committee

VII. New Business

- The Senate common read event may be offered in spring pending confirmation of the author.
- There are a few vacancies on PBAC, email President Cummings if interested.
- Shout out to all faculty that are doing good work and showing up for students.

VIII. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cari Didion.

Upcoming Dates

- PBAC Meeting: January 27, 1:00 to 2:30pm, Zoom
- Senate Executive Committee: February 3, 1:00 to 3:00pm, Zoom
- Academic Council: February 8, 1:00 to 3:00pm, Zoom
- Faculty Senate Meeting: February 17, 1:00 to 3:00pm, Hall of Honors