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**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes**

**March 30, 2022**

**1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

**D34160 (with Zoom attendance option)**

**Senators in Attendance:**

X	Alozie, E. (CAS)	X	He, T. (COB)*		Tymkow, C. (CHHS/UCC) *
X	Buehler, A. (CHHS)		James, D. (CAS)		Valgoi, M. (COE)
X	Can, A. (COE)*	X	Manprasio, R. (CAS)		Vanderpool, C. (COB)
Sab.	Cipra, A. (COE)	X	Mengova, E. (COB)	X	Vining, J. (CAS)
X	Cummings, M. (COE)*	X	Muhammad, R. (AL/CAS)	X	Vujaklija, A. (AL/COE/APRC)*
	Ermasova, N. (CAS)		Peng, L.-W. (COE)*		Wadhwa, S. (CHHS)
	Golland, D. (AL/CAS)*		Rekter, N. (CHHS)	X	White, C. (CAS/IPC)*
	Goode, J. (CAS)	X	Romanowski, C. (UL)*		Wright, L. (COE) Sp22
X	Guimond, P. (CAS)		Spencer, S. (CHHS)*		Zell, M. (AL/CHHS)
		X	Tweddle, C. (AL/CAS/GE)*		
				X	Kerns, T. (Unit B)
				X	Winicki, B. (Emeritus)

\* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

**I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order, with quorum, by Faculty Senate President Cummings at 1:01 p.m. Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

**II. Presentation on Strategic Enrollment by VP of Student Affairs Paul McGuinness**

- VP McGuinness briefly explained the consultant's model.
- VP McGuinness provided information about GSU's student population.
  - Growth in Hispanic student population; > 15%
  - Growth in adult student (>25 yrs.) population

- Spring International student population, -10%
- Plans for Hispanic/Latinx support
  - Academic advising
  - Instructional excellence
- VP McGuinness presented Strategic Enrollment plans. The foci include:
  - Web redesign: RFP; content audit
  - Integrated marketing
  - Prospective student information; degree audit for transfer credits
  - Recruitment
  - Latinx Center
  - Adult Transfer
  - International student recruitment
  - Badging programs
  - Academic Advising
  - Instructional Excellence
- Next there will be focus on:
  - AMPAC
  - Latinx Center funding
  - Transfer UG students
  - Staffing: digital marketing; Latinx Center; School of Extended Learning Center

### III. External Reports

#### A. Administration

##### *University President Green*

- President Green announced Research Week to be held next week. Dr. Gilbert will be the guest speaker and will speak about STEM and DEI.
- President Green announced PBAC hearings in April. Dr. Green has 15 criteria for budget proposals:
  - Accreditation goals
  - Strategic Enrollment
  - Institutional Plan 2025
  - Unfunded Mandates
  - Graduation, Retention, and Persistence
  - Compliance
  - Mission and Vision of GSU
  - Student Experience
  - Faculty Development
  - Staff Development
  - Sustainability
  - Academic Program Enhancement
- President Green stated the Campus Climate Survey launched on March 22.
- President Green announced that the GSU Trustee Sebastian is retiring from her law firm; a \$25,000 scholarship has been established in her honor.

##### *Provost Schneller*

- Provost Schneller announced several grants received.
  - Early Childhood Program (COE) has received >\$1,000,000 for training future teachers.
  - Illinois Tutoring Initiative grant has been received from IBHE.

- School of Extended Learning has received a grant from Amazon. The grant provides \$5,200 per employee for degree completion support.
- Provost Schneller announced graduation to be held in person on May 14. She encouraged faculty to attend.
- Provost Schneller announced that a part-time grant writer has been hired for STEM/health care programs.
- Provost Schneller stated that the Interim Dean of UL has been working on updating collections; faculty input would be appreciated.
- Provost Schneller stated that the search for Institutional Research director is concluding; an announcement is forthcoming.
- Provost Schneller noted that state-wide requirements for international travel are in discussion. The primary criterion is responsibility to students.
- Finally, Provost Schneller stated plans for faculty mentoring, engagement, and retention support are continuing. She hopes to have something in place by fall.

*VP Administration and Finance Bradford*

- VP Bradford spoke about the PBAC hearings, to be held April 12 and 13. See Dr. Green's list of priorities above. Preliminary budget will be presented at the June Board of Trustees meeting.
- VP Bradford stated that IT hosted a F2F and virtual townhall was held. More than 100 attended. A focus of discussion was the competitiveness in hiring and retaining quality IT employees. VP Bradford noted that there is an increased focus on IT security.
- VP Bradford, in connection with upcoming Research Week, noted the increase in funded research and Administration support for faculty research.
- VP Bradford congratulated COE Dean Dermer for grant-writing efforts.
- Finally, VP Bradford announced the first of planned first Friday social events on April 1.

(2:00 Administration left meeting)

B. University Professionals of Illinois Chapter President Hart – not present

C. Student Senate President Manrique – not present

D. Civil Service Senate President Jones-Harper – not present

#### IV. Reports

##### A. Committee Reports

###### *Executive Committee*

- See written report in packet.
- Faculty Senate President Cumming pointed out that there are ongoing discussions with the Faculty Professional Development Committee and the Institutional Wellness Committee to coordinate existing programs for mentoring new faculty members. CAS has a good faculty mentoring program, and that will provide a model.

###### *Institutional Policy Committee*

- See written report in packet.
- *Faculty Senate Bylaws amendment:*
  - IPC Chair White noted that the Bylaw amendment has been discussed in February. A vote on the amendment will be taken at this meeting.
  - IPC Chair White provided a brief summary of the proposed changes (see track change copy in packet).

- Motion to approve proposed amendment by Winicki; seconded by Tweddle; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- IPC Chair White announced that Policies 5 and 16, which were amended by Faculty Senate in February, and Policies 15 and 29, which were deprecated by the Faculty Senate in February, are in the President's Office.

*University Curriculum Committee*

- See written report in packet.

*Academic Program Review Committee*

- See written report in packet.
- APRC Chair Vujaklija expressed the committee's concerns regarding a lot of work submitted to APRC at the end of spring, partially because APRC now reviews after UCC.
- Senators Romanowski and Vujaklija discussed ideas for improving efficiency of reviews by APRC: revised templates, individual training on Curriculog and APRC processes, training of new APRC members in spring, return to concurrent reviews by UCC and APRC (which doesn't seem possible in Curriculog system).

*General Education Council*

- See written report in packet.
- General Education Director Tweddle noted that faculty for Summer Bridge courses have been hired. Students are being recruited from admitted freshmen pool.

*Institutional Wellness Committee*

- See written report.
- Institutional Wellness Committee Co-Chair Kelly stated that a first-draft survey instrument has been developed.

B. Optional Reports

*Illinois Board of Higher Education-Faculty Advisory Committee*

See written report by Faculty Senate President Cummings (alternate for IBHE-FAC).

*Graduate Studies Council*

- Faculty Senate President Cummings stated that there is continuing work on the Graduate Student Handbook.
- Faculty Senate President Cummings reported that automatic appointment of longest-serving dean as Director of Graduate Studies is being discussed. There is not a movement towards establishing a School of Graduate Studies.

*Policy Monitoring Committee* – no report

*Institutional Review Board* – no report

*Faculty Professional Development Committee*

- Faculty Professional Development Committee Chair Cervantes reported that a grant proposal focuses on DEI has been written.

V. Old Business

Approval of February 2022 Faculty Senate Minutes

- A few minor edits were provided by senators.
- Senator White made the motion to approve the minutes with edits; Senator Tweddle seconded. Minutes, with edits, were approved by unanimous voice voted.

#### VI. New Business

- Faculty Senate President Cummings made the following announcements:
- He encouraged all to participate in commencement.
- He asked senators to send ideas regarding UL revisions/updates to liaison, Senator Romanowski.
- He reminded senators that elections are upcoming. See roster for Senate and committee openings.
- He repeated that Research Week is next week (April 5-8).
- He announced that Faculty Senate Executive Committee will meet next week (April 7).

#### VII. Adjournment at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Winicki