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**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes**

April 21, 2022

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Hall of Honors (with Zoom attendance option)

Senators in Attendance:

X	Alozie, E. (CAS)	X	He, T. (COB)*	X	Tymkow, C. (CHHS/UCC) *
X	Buehler, A. (CHHS)		James, D. (CAS)		Valgoi, M. (COE)
X	Can, A. (COE)*	X	Manprasio, R. (CAS)	X	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)*
X	Ermasova, N. (CAS)	X	Peng, L.-W. (COE)*		Wadhwa, S. (CHHS)
	Golland, D. (AL/CAS)*	X	Rekter, N. (CHHS)	X	White, C. (CAS/IPC)*
	Goode, J. (CAS)	X	Romanowski, C. (UL)*	X	Wright, L. (COE) Sp22
	Guimond, P. (CAS)	X	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 1:02 p.m. Agenda approved without change by unanimous voice vote.

II. External Reports

A. Administration

University President Green

- President Green reported her participation in a Higher Learning Commission conference, which included an analysis of the book *The Great Upheaval*.

- President Green reported a successful Research Week, including speech on STEM, students of color, and DEI by guest speaker Juan Gilbert.
- President Green stated that the Student Campus Climate Survey had been opened by 1,800 students since launch on March 22, but only 400 had responded. This is probably not due to length of survey because it contains only 15 items. Faculty Senate President Cummings asked about possible problem with the link to the survey.
- President Green reported that PBAC hearings were held last week.
- President Green reported that Illinois Lieutenant .Governor Stratton visited GSU last week to discuss the teacher pipeline.
- President Green reported that Lincoln College's closure has resulted in a number of transfers to GSU.
- President Green announced that the School of Extended Learning has obtained a \$450,000 grant for healthcare, nursing, and workforce development programs.
- Finally, President Green encouraged faculty members to attend graduation on May 14.

Provost Schneller

- Provost Schneller reported that tenure and promotion letters were sent to faculty members today.
- Provost Schneller reported that the Graduate Studies Council is working on the Graduate Student Handbook and is discussing the infrastructure for graduate studies at GSU.
- Provost Schneller reported that efforts regarding student retention and persistence are continuing.
- Provost Scheller reported on curricular analysis application from John Gardner Institute to be used in licensure programs (education, accounting, social work).
- Finally, Provost Schneller stated that 12 students have applied for the Amazon workforce program in the School of Extended Learning. A dedicated staff for the program has been hired.

VP Administration and Finance Bradford

- VP Bradford provided an annual report on accomplishments:
 - An increase in grant funding
 - \$23 million CARE funds, with \$9 million to students
 - Refinancing of housing debt
 - Minority vendors expansion
 - Ended the year "in the black," with 4% state appropriation increase
 - One-device tech program
 - High-flex classrooms and other updates for distance learning
 - Campus safety improved; GSU is one of the safest in Illinois; safety cameras
 - Low-level of COVID
 - Bathroom renovations
 - Initiated Facilities Master Plan
 - All documents and forms converted to electronic
 - Lowered rate of audit findings
- VP Bradford announced a Customer Satisfaction Survey.
- Finally, in response to a question, VP Bradford stated that masking and other COVID-related policies will remain the same for summer term. Masks required during in-person instruction, but not in open areas. That is subject to change.

- B. University Professionals of Illinois Chapter President Hart – not present
- C. Student Senate President Manrique
 - Student Senate President Manrique reported that elections have been held.
 - Results of the elections will be announced tomorrow (April 22).
- D. Civil Service Senate President Jones-Harper – not present

(Administration left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.)

III. Reports

A. Committee Reports

Executive Committee

- See written report in packet.
- Faculty Senate President Cumming announced that nominations for Faculty Senate and committees continue until tomorrow.

(Faculty Senate President Cummings left the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Faculty Senate VP Peng led the remainder of the meeting.)

College Reports

- COE – See written report by Senator Can in packet.
- UL – Senator Romanowski reported that UL faculty offices will move to the period

Institutional Policy Committee

- IPC Chair White reported that all the policy changes approved by the Faculty Senate in February (24, 26, 38, 62, and 79) have been approved by Associate Provost Sexton. They now require Provost Schneller's and President Green's approvals. University Counsel has stated that First Amendment protections in Policy 79 need to be strengthened.
- IPC Chair White reported that there are many policy reviews that have been postponed until fall.
- IPC Chair White stated that public comments on changes in Policy 49 have been obtained, and APC also provided suggestions.
- *Policy 35 Emeritus Status and Policy 42 Benefits for University Professors*
 - Deprecation of Policy 42 moved and seconded; deprecation approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - Policy 35 proposed changes were briefly described by IPC Chair White (see track-change copy in packet). There was a motion and second to add "now deprecated" before Policy 42 in section I of Policy 35. Edit was approved by unanimous voice vote. Proposed changes in Policy 35, as edited, approved by unanimous voice vote.

University Curriculum Committee

- UCC Chair Tymkow reported that there are several pending decisions; they will be completed during next meeting (April 28).
- UCC Chair Tymkow announced that two veteran members of UCC, Robbie O'Shea and Lisa Pennington, will be leaving the committee. She thanked them for their service.

Academic Program Review Committee

- APRC Chair Vujaklija reported that there are several program reports still in review. She stated that it has been a struggle to get responses to feedback, and deadlines are approaching.
- APRC Chair Vujaklija noted that there are many openings on UCC for the next academic year. She herself will not apply for APRC membership.

General Education Council

- See written report in packet.
- General Education Director Tweddle noted that students for the Summer Bridge program are being recruited from enrolled freshmen pool.
- General Education Director Tweddle reported that, because the Title III grant is now concluded, that committee no longer exists. The roster should be edited in this regard.

Institutional Wellness Committee

- See written report.
- Institutional Wellness Committee Co-Chair Kelly reported that the survey is now open for faculty responses.

B. Optional Reports

Illinois Board of Higher Education-Faculty Advisory Committee – no report

Graduate Studies Council

- See written report.
- Senator Muhammad reported that the Graduate Studies Council has met with Provost Schneller. They have discussed the structure of graduate studies at GSU.
- Senator Muhammad reported the Graduate Studies Council is working on an orientation for graduate students and on the handbook.
- Senator Winicki noted that, in the past, when the structure of graduate studies was discussed, a graduate school structure was rejected. This was because it would establish a hierarchy within the faculty. Senator Romanowski suggested OPUS would have minutes from these previous Graduate Studies Council meetings.

Policy Monitoring Committee – no report

Institutional Review Board

- IRB Chair Grumbach reported that two current members have agreed to co-chair the committee next academic year.

Faculty Professional Development Committee no report

IV. Old Business – No old business

VI. New Business – No new business

VII. Adjournment at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Winicki