

Governors State University

## OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship

---

Faculty Senate Minutes

Faculty Senate

---

5-12-2022

### Faculty Senate Minutes, Academic Year 2021-2022, May 12, 2022

Faculty Senate

*Governors State University*

Follow this and additional works at: [https://opus.govst.edu/facultysenate\\_minutes](https://opus.govst.edu/facultysenate_minutes)

---

#### Recommended Citation

Faculty Senate, "Faculty Senate Minutes, Academic Year 2021-2022, May 12, 2022" (2022). *Faculty Senate Minutes*. 220.

[https://opus.govst.edu/facultysenate\\_minutes/220](https://opus.govst.edu/facultysenate_minutes/220)

This Minutes is brought to you for free and open access by the Faculty Senate at OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. It has been accepted for inclusion in Faculty Senate Minutes by an authorized administrator of OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. For more information, please contact [opus@govst.edu](mailto:opus@govst.edu).

**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes**

**May 12, 2022**

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

**D34115 (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)	X	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)*
X	Ermasova, N. (CAS)		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 1:04 p.m. Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

**II. Presentations**

**A. Center for Performing Arts (Executive Director Lana Rogachevskaya)**

- Ms. Rogachevskaya reported that the CPA 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year is concluding.
- There will be a fund-raising event in June.

- *Red Summer*, a musical focusing on the 1919 Chicago race riots, performances will be in September (9/16, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25). Tickets are \$10. Ms. Rogachevskaya encouraged faculty to have students attend.
- B. New Faculty Mentoring (Matthew Cooney)
  - See Power Point slides in packet.
  - Dr. Cooney described the background of the planned program.
    - Multi-dimensional model based on work of Bridget Kelly
    - Across faculty ranks
    - Community
    - Peer relationships
  - Faculty mentoring at GSU
    - No formal university-wide program
    - CAS does have a formal mentoring program.
    - During spring 2022, feedback from faculty was obtained by the Institutional Wellness Committee.
    - Dr. Fackler spoke about the CAS faculty mentoring program.
      - Meetings include presentations on topics of interest and trouble-shooting teaching problems.
      - Building community
      - 40% attendance average per meeting
  - Process – See slide for development history of mentoring program.
  - Planned Program
    - Program start fall 2022
    - Optional participation
    - Unit A and Unit B faculty members may participate.
    - Tentative schedule: First Wednesday of each month, 12:00 to 1:30
    - Volunteers from senior faculty to lead in specific areas (teaching , research, service)
  - Q/A
    - President Green asked about support needed. Dr. Cooney stated that there has been continuing support from the Provost’s Office. Senator Cervantes suggested that administrators speak at some meetings, that gift card incentives could be useful, and that participation be recognized as university service in portfolio reviews.
    - Other suggestions included: extend the program to third-year faculty members, include UL in meetings focusing on faculty research,

### III. External Reports

#### A. Administration

##### *University President Green*

- President Green announced graduation week events have started and people are happy to have in-person celebrations again.
- Events include: Duel Degree Program ceremony; National Sign-Up Day; first group of GSU Ph.D. graduates
- President Green was asked about mask mandates for the summer term. She responded that masks are, for the most part, optional, but it is dependent on situation. Also, some specific places on campus have masks required.

*Provost Schneller*

- Provost Schneller reported that the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs subcommittee had met on May 18.
- Provost Schneller congratulated the School of Extended Learning for grants obtained.
- Provost Schneller reported that UL renovations have begun.
- Provost Schneller reported that AMP committee's work will include review of existing programs, application of Strategic Enrollment Committee's recommendations, and establish goals for curriculum.
- Provost Schneller announced that Robert Stanley will start on June 1 as Director of Institutional Research.
- Provost Schneller announced that GSU has obtained Hispanic Serving Institution designation.
- Provost Schneller stated that summer-term COVID plan will be delivered next week. Also, there is a new COVID statement for syllabi.
- Senator Cervantes asked about Hispanic Student Recruitment Committee; it hasn't met this year. VP of Student Affairs Paul McGuinness responded. He stated that this has been embedded in the ongoing work of the Strategic Plan committee, which includes a planned Latinx Center. A director for the Latinx Center should be hired this summer. The Latinx Center will be located in the Academic Resource Center.

*VP Administration and Finance Bradford*

- VP Bradford stated that the first in-person graduation ceremonies in two years will take place on Saturday at the Tinley Park Convention Center.
- VP Bradford reported that PBAC developed at \$58.5 million balanced budget.
- VP Bradford reported Standards and Poors raised GSU bond rating to BBB, partially due to growth in graduate enrollment.
- VP Bradford reported that the updated COVID operating plan has been drafted.
- In response to a question, VP Bradford stated that most colleges will have a flat budget vs. last year.

*VP Student Affairs McGuinness*

- VP McGuinness provided data on enrollment.
  - Aim High has had positive effects on recruitment of academically talented students. The state of Illinois is now paying 80% of the program's costs (\$6K to students with 3.5+ GPA; \$4K to 2.7-3.49 GPA).
  - Freshmen for Fall 2022
    - 1,500 applications (vs. 882 last year at this time)
    - 900 admitted (vs. 501 last year at this time)
    - 145 deposits (vs. 100 last year at this time)
  - Transfer undergraduate student about same as last year at this time
  - Graduate student
    - Domestic: 243 admitted (vs. 150 last year at this time)
    - International: 5000+ applications; 192 deposits

*Q/A*

- Senators reported/asked about problems with the new Outlook email system, including phone calls from GSU being labeled as spam.
- In response to a question about problems with Blackboard, Associate Provost Sexton recommended contacting Nikki in CEAS.

(Administration left the meeting at 2:35.)

- 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*

###### *College Reports*

UL: Senator Romanowski reported that Carri Didion has been retained.

COE: Amy Vujaklija and Tim Pedigo have earned tenure.

###### *Institutional Policy Committee*

- See written Annual Report in packet.
- *Policy 49 Media and Social Media:*
  - IPC Chair White provided a brief description of process and consultations involved (see timeline in packet).
  - IPC Chair White responded to concerns about efforts of MarComm to control social media and website.
  - In response to a question, IPC Chair White stated that this policy does not apply to faculty members' personal websites.
  - Proposed revised Policy 49 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

###### *University Curriculum Committee*

- See written Annual Report in packet.
- UCC Chair Tymkow noted that there is a revised syllabus statement regarding COVID.

(Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes was approved.)

###### *Academic Program Review Committee*

- See written Annual Report in packet.
- APRC Chair Vujaklija stated that the list of programs to be reviewed next academic year will be sent out by Associate Provost Sexton.

###### *General Education Council*

- See written Annual Report in packet.

###### *Institutional Wellness Committee*

- See written Annual Report in packet.

##### B. Optional Reports

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

*Graduate Studies Council* – no report

*Policy Monitoring Committee* – no report

*Institutional Review Board* – no report

###### *Faculty Professional Development Committee*

- Faculty Professional Development Committee Chair Cervantes announced that Professional Development Day will be August 18, 9:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m.

#### V. Old Business

- Faculty Senate President Cummings reported that the University Counsel has expressed concerns regarding proposed changes in the Faculty Senate Bylaws section on policy development. Counsel states that committee charters are needed.

#### VI. New Business

- Faculty Senate President Cummings requested nominations for the Faculty Service Award.
- Faculty Senate President Cummings announced that the Faculty Senate will need to fill the Senate Secretary position.
- Faculty Senate President Cummings stated that election results will be announced tomorrow morning.

#### VII. Adjournment at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Winicki