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**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes**

**February 16, 2023
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Engbretson Hall**

Senators in Attendance:

	Alozie, E. (CAS)	x	Manprasio, R. (CAS)*	x	Tweddle, C. (AL/CAS/GE)*
x	Can, A. (COE)		McClure, M. (CHHS)	x	Tymkow, C. (AL/CHHS)
x	Cervantes, S. (AL/COE)	x	Muhammad, R. Imm. Past Pres. (AL/CAS)*	x	Valgoi, M. (AL/COE)*
x	Chen, X. (CAS)	x	Pagone, N. (CAS)	x	Vining, J. (CAS/IPC)*
x	Cipra, A. (COE)	x	Peng, L.W. President (COE)*		Winicki, B. Emeritus
x	Day, J. (CHHS)	x	Rekhter, N. Vice Pres. (CHHS)*	x	Wright, L. Secretary (COE) *
x	Didion, C. Parliamentarian (UL)*	x	Santoro, P. (CAS)		
	He, T. (COB)	x	Shanahan, J.		
x	Jang, H. (COB)*	x	Spencer, S. (CHHS)		
	Kerns, T. (Unit B)		Stache, L. (CAS)		
	King, L. (CHHS)*	x	Tian, F. (COB/APRC)*	x	Walsh, E. (UCC)*

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

Others Present:

C. Green, B. Schneller, C. Bradford, T. Forde, J. Crowley, P. McGuinness, J. Patterson, C. Pustz, T. Harrington, L. Shawahin, D. Conrad, and C. Harris

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda (Peng) (pp. 1 – 2)

The meeting called to order, with quorum, by Faculty Senate President Peng at 1:03 p.m. Motion made by Rekhter to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Vining. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

II. Presentation:

- Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Joi Patterson

Dr. Patterson provided updates regarding the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging at GSU.

- DEI Council – the council is currently involved in various activities (i.e., DEI Strategic Plan, Directory profile on website, Cultural awareness calendar and activities, etc.)
- Diversity Climate Survey – currently available for completion. Dr. Patterson provided F.S. with QR code and encouraged members to complete it the moment. The survey will inform and improve support, policies, and practices at GSU. The focus is on four groups (students, faculty, staff, and administration). The survey will be done every three years.
- DEI Mini-Grant - 25K toward DEI proposals (5 –5K mini grants) focusing on research, initiatives, projects, programs, etc. The proposals are open now and are due 5/5/2023 (a letter of intention should be included. Recipients will be announced during the convocation in September. Recipients will have all of AY 23/24 to implement their project.
- DEI Professional Development – So far DEI have hosted two Lunch and Learns. These events take place the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:30 – 1:15. Future topics focus on Arab American, Bullying Legislation, Joy at Work, and Gender Orientation
- Upcoming Activities – Ongoing monthly cultural activities, DEI cultural calendar, Women History Month Tea, etc.

III. External Reports

- University Administration (Green/Schneller/Bradford)

President Green reported:

- The university has begun to calculate the Freshman persistence Rate for the Fall 2022 cohort. Persistence rate includes students who returned to GSU for Spring 2023. The rate is 77.5%
- Gov. Pritzker will be at GSU on 2/24 at 9:00 am. He will be conducting a ceremony signing of a bill for the stroke prevention campaign written by Dr. Roberson
- The House Budget Testimony date is scheduled for 3/16. She will present in Springfield to make a case regarding GSU funding needs.
- GSU is at the center of Higher Education in Illinois. GSU will be hosting the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium for their meeting scheduled on 2/22. Also, on last Thursday, 2/9, GSU hosted an event with the Cook County Bar Association entitled, “How to Become a Lawyer”. Last week, she was also called to a meeting with the Cook County Board of Commissions.
- Tomorrow, 2/17, she will be going to the United States Hispanics Coalition meeting to discuss program initiatives and promote success for this population and all students.

- Also, tomorrow, 2/17, she will be going to the Will County Board to do a presentation on the South Suburban Airport. The building of this airport will generate 4 billion dollars in revenue and create 10 thousand jobs. Also, GSU was commissioned to do the economic impact study on this airport. Additionally, planning to do a 2nd study.

Provost Schneller reported:

- Dr. Muhammad's message on behalf of the campus as part of our response to the MSU shooting incident was passionate and heartfelt. She thanked Dr. Muhammad for her writings.
- On Tuesday, 2/14, she met with NIU's Law School Dean and GSU now has an MOA with NIU for an accelerated law program that will assist GSU students in obtaining their law degree.
- One of our Fulbright applicants in the CAS, Dr. Ermasova in Public Administration award a Fulbright to travel to Hungary. Also, GSU will be completing an application in June to be considered a Fulbright site.
- The Center for Teaching and Learning is sponsoring a series of workshops. Check CTL emails for additional information.
- Also, check email from Scott Thesen, dt. 2/15 regarding the next Quality Matters training on "Improving Your Online Course" scheduled for 2/21 – 3/7. Registration deadline is 2/21 by 5:00 pm. She encouraged faculty to engage in these professional development opportunities.
- Moving ahead working with Dr. Bradford they have been able to create additional graduate assistant positions that will be projected into the budget for AY 2023-2024. Also working with the deans and finance.
- Status of Performing Arts search – the committee has identified four candidates. Working on scheduling visits.
- Continuing to move ahead with curriculum proposals in curriculog, so it is important for faculty to complete any revisions (if received) and resubmit so they can get caught up.
- Also, her office is working with Dr. Vining to catch up on academic policies that have been stalled in the pre-review process.
- Today, the state legislation of the house held a hearing this morning about teaching American History in schools. Public universities were asked to talk about their approach to teaching history. GSU was very well represented by Eliot Fackler who spoke on the nature and structure of our history program. She also acknowledged the history faculty for their support.
- The ribbon cutting ceremony for our faculty lounge will be announced soon.
- The next 1st Friday will be hosted by CAS and will focus on Women's History Month.

Dr. Bradford reported:

- State Budget Address
 - ✓ Gov. Pritzker approved for a 100 billion dollar increase for the MAP grant (need based financial aid designed to keep students in Illinois) for FY2024. This is on top of what he did last year which was 124 million dollars to this program.
 - ✓ As for public universities, Gov. Pritzker is also recommending an 80.5-million-dollar increase to all state public universities. This represents about a 7% increase in general revenues. GSU requested a 10%, however although that was not granted the 7% increase is the largest increase since 2006.
 - ✓ There are also additional funds in the budget for Early Childhood Education,

K12 schools, etc.

- He and President Green are working state funding equitable commission focusing on creating a new funding model for education to ensure that equity funding is provided to all universities to meet the needs of these specific students.
- GSU is creating a new employee program offering a new benefit to assist employees purchasing homes close to the university. We have a partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago to aid with down payments, financial counseling, home buying support, etc. He believes expected income level for assistance will be over \$70,000 allowing many to be eligible. More information will be coming from HR
- Cyber Security Training deadline date is tomorrow, 2/17, so please complete ASAP, if not done so already.
- Campus wide infrastructure improvements are continuing to be completed (i.e., bathrooms, library, faculty lounge, etc.)

Prior to McGuinness report, President Green mentioned the devastating events (Earthquake) happening in Turkey and its affects around the world. She praised Dr. Karadogan and others for their efforts in securing donations, but stated she is willing to match any monetary donations from faculty senate members.

McGuinness reported:

- Summer 2023 and Fall 2023 registration will be 3/13. There will be a priority registration for fall, but not summer.
 - Course schedule will be out 2/25. Students can schedule appointments with advisors and faculty.
 - 3/3 – 3/22, mid-term grades will be available for faculty to access and assist students in understanding where they stand in their courses at this point.
 - This Saturday, 2/18, GSU will be hosting a Badminton Tournament. Sixty-three teams (doubles and singles) have signed up. The event begins at 10:00 am. This is a re-introduction to Intramural Sports at GSU.
- University Professionals of Illinois (Hart) – Not present.
 - Civil Service Senate (Fung) – Not Present.
 - Student Senate (Parks) – Not Present.

IV. Reports

- Committees

1. Executive

- a. President (Peng) – See report in the F.S. packet (pp. 3 - 4)
- b. College Reps (Jang, King, Manprisio (p.5), Valgoi)
 - Jang (COB) – No report.
 - King (CHHS) – Not present.
 - Manprisio (CAS) – Division of Arts and Letters looking for top students for collaboration. Also, have ongoing faculty services. ~ Dr. Harris will be conducting a faculty pedagogy workshop on 3/3 “Integrating Civil Leadership: Learning Beyond the Classroom.” ~ IT is moving into a second interview for Unit A candidates. They will be on campus on 2/21 for a research and teaching demonstration. ~ IT department starting to apply for grants and computer

science is working on a grant about artificial intelligence. ~ Dr. Pagone added she and other colleague applied for a fellowship for digital humanities and was awarded it.

- Valgoi (COE) – No report. Faculty is doing well.
2. University Curriculum (Walsh)
 - UCC have been productive.
 - Manprasio has joined the committee and with his technology experience, he has been very helpful.
 - They are still looking for additional members.
 - Katherine Carl is now the secretary, replacing Romanowski.
 - The committee is updating information on the Provost site.
 - Discussions are being had regarding possible compensation for members working over the summer to complete the backlog.
 3. Institutional Policies (Vining) – See report in F.S. packet, p. 6
 - Mentioned that prior approved policies are still getting signed. Highlighted the below:
 - Policy 23 was approved by GC and was submitted to cirrculog.
 - Policy 1 was passed but never signed. IPC will address this next month
 - Policy 35 has been approved, but minor changes need to be made per GC and AP comments. IPC will also address this next month.
 - New Policies 39, 24, and 79 will be brought to F.S. next month if executive committee approves.
 - Conrad added, they have a committee reviewing the academic conduct policy. They are considering whether to create a separate due process procedure or use the existing student conduct procedure.
 4. Program Review (Tian)
 - Committee is working. Already had two meetings this semester.
 5. General Education (Tweddle/Cipra) – See report in F.S. packet, p. 7.
 - Tweddle highlighted the below:
 - Met with Dr. Stanley and others to discuss new Fall 2023 rollout for the GE assessment plan.
 - They are working to find ways to keep LEAP students engaged.
 6. Institutional Wellness (Kelly/Lanigan) – Not present.
- Optional
 1. Illinois Board of Higher Education (Harris) -- Report available upon request.
 2. Graduate Studies Council (Muhammad)
 - Policy 70 is ready to go to faculty senate (a handout of proposed changes were distributed – workloads and stipends are key changes).
 - Graduate studies catalog is also being updated (she is on the subcommittee).
 - Graduate College proposal – They are currently working on the organizational Chart which should be finished by Fall 2023
 - A subcommittee to look at the bylaws was formed.

- Dr. Can added that the new masters handbook will also be completed by Fall 2023
- 3. Policy Monitoring Committee (Conrad/Kibble) – No Updates
- 4. Institutional Review Board (Getsoian/Shawahin)
 - Shawahin shared that Lunch and Learn workshops are being held and that the committee is looking for a new member from the Library.
- 5. Faculty Professional Development (Lee/Didion)
 - Committee is looking at new initiatives. For example, faculty appreciate day. Also considering bringing back the faculty authors’ event in April.

V. Closed Session – N/A

Prior to going into new business, F.S. President Peng opened dialogue regarding ways to collect funds for Turkey, based on President Green’s matching challenge. Senate members were unclear as to if monetary donations could be collected. Peng plans to get clarification from President Green and will let everyone know.

VI. New Business

- Appointments to Vacancies
 - Action Item: Approval of Vacancy Appointments (p.8)**
 - Tian made a motion to approve the vacancy appoints. Spencer seconded it. All were in favor.
- Appointment to Faculty Senate Executive Committee UL Representative Vacancy
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 - All approved for Didion to serve in this role.
- Commencement Advisory Committee Extension Proposal
 - Action Item: Approval of Commencement Advisory Committee Extension Proposal (p. 9)**
 - Dr. Quincy Martin (chair of Commencement Advisory Committee) was not able to attend meeting. Senate members have questions regarding the proposal. It was suggested that the chair discuss the specific roles of each member. A plan was agreed upon to discuss the proposal during the March F.S. meeting after additional information is received.
- Other New Business

VII. Old Business

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Action Item: Approval of January Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes (pp. 10 -16)**
 - Motion made by Cipri to approve the January meeting minutes. Motion 2nd by Valgoi. All others in agreement to approve January minutes.

Prior to adjourning Muhammad shared a flyer with senate members for an upcoming event “African American Read In. It’s scheduled for 2/27 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm (Hall of Honors)

VIII. Peng adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

- Cybersecurity Training Course Due Date: February 17, Blackboard
- Presidents' Day Observance, February 20, GSU Closed
- Intellectual Life Grant Application Due Date: February 22
- J. B. Pritzker on Campus, February 24, 9 a.m. –10:30 a.m. Hall of Governors
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting, March 2, 1 p.m. –3 p.m., Online
- PBAC Meeting, March 7, 9 a.m. –11 a.m., Engbretson Hall
- Faculty Senate Meeting: March 30, 1 p.m. –3 p.m., Hall of Honors

Respectfully submitted,

Leonis S. Wright