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**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes**

**March 30, 2023  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Hall of Honors**

**Senators in Attendance:**

	Alozie, E. (CAS)	x	King, L. (CHHS)*	x	Tian, F. (COB/APRC)*
x	Can, A. (COE)	x	Manprasio, R. (CAS)*	x	Tweddle, C. (AL/CAS/GE)*
x	Cervantes, S. (AL/COE)		McClure, M. (CHHS)	x	Tymkow, C. (AL/CHHS)
x	Chen, X. (CAS)	x	Muhammad, R. Imm. Past Pres. (AL/CAS)*	x	Valgoi, M. (AL/COE)*
x	Cipra, A. (COE)	x	Pagone, N. (CAS)	x	Vining, J. (CAS/IPC)*
x	Conrad, D. (COE)	x	Peng, L.W. President (COE)*	x	Winicki, B. Emeritus
x	Day, J. (CHHS)	x	Rekhter, N. Vice Pres. (CHHS)*	x	Wright, L. Secretary (COE) *
	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)		Walsh, E. (UCC)*

\* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

***Others Present:***

C. Green, B. Schneller, C. Bradford, J. Crowley, P. McGuinness, J. Allen, and C. Harris

## I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda (Peng) (p. 1)

The meeting called to order, with quorum, by Faculty Senate President Peng at 1:05 p.m. Motion made by Vining to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Tian. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

## II. Presentation:

- GSU Star, Dr. Timothy Harrington, and Amy Comparon (see PP presentation in faculty senate packet, pp. 2- 11)

*Dr. Harrington was not in attendance. Presentation conducted by Amy Comparon, Lisa Helm, and Kara Lester.*

### Presentation Highlights:

- GSU Star is an early alert communication system.
- Its purpose is to increase student retention and offer support for students who are not meeting their academic program requirements.
- Envisioning having dedicated fulltime retention coaches for each of the colleges.
- It services both undergraduate and graduate students.
- Training is available for faculty, staff, and students.

## III. External Reports

- University Administration (Green/Schneller/Bradford)

### *President Green reported:*

- She attended an event in Rich Township honoring women leaders. She was one of the Award recipients.
- Trustee appointments are currently unclear. We have an executive committee, but some of the positions have been expired and not reappointed. We have enough trustees to do business, but they are eagerly awaiting the governor's decision on who will be appointed.
- On Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, GSU leadership team presented the Senate testimony for the Illinois Senate. They did a wonderful job in telling GSU's story (history, uniqueness, etc.) After the testimony one of the senators questioned how much less funding GSU receives in comparison to the other universities. She informed him that we receive \$ 12,000,000 less, and this is not due to being the smallest campus. That is why the leadership team is advocating for an increase budget.
- There is a discussion going on regarding having a GSU lobby day. The date is set for Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Student advocates and faculty will be invited to attend with Maureen Kelly. They are considering having at least one bus load for this year, with plans to have more participants next year.
- Earlier this week, she attended the University Park ribbon cutting for the Metro Station. Plans are being made to revise the station.
- Iowa Wesleyan University is closing after 181 years due to financial issues. Therefore as president, she takes very seriously the monies that GSU has.
- Excited about GSU's commencement. It will take place mid-May and will be in-person.

*Provost Schneller reported:*

- They talked with the Iowa Wesleyan's leadership yesterday and they have three hundred students of the eight hundred who make up their student body who are from the Chicago area. P. McGuinness and his team will be going to a student transfer orientation on April 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of those students coming to GSU.
- *Dr. Crowley spoke about commencement:*
  - ✓ Volunteers will be need, so check emails.
  - ✓ Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at both 10:00 am and 4:30 pm.
  - ✓ The Honorary Degree Program will be held at 4:30 on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ The Doctoral Hooding is scheduled for Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ Thanked David Conrad for securing the marshals.
- Research Day started today online and there are QR codes available for the presentation. Tomorrow is the in-person event. Dr. Tung from the University of Chicago will be speaking on Human centered artificial intelligence and creativity.
- Sad news – Robert Kaufmann a mathematics lecturer who retired in 2019 passed away this week.
- We have rejoined the KPMG, a large accounting firm in working on their PhD project recruits graduate candidates in finance fields, business professions, and create pathways for individuals wanting to teach in finance. Dr. David Green (COB) attended the KPMG reception last Friday.
- GSU Searches
  - ✓ Searching for a Director of University Events
  - ✓ Three of four of the Center for Performing Arts candidates have been interviewed. The last one is on campus tomorrow.
  - ✓ There are two candidates who are finalists for the Library Dean. The second candidate comes on campus this Tuesday. The first one was here this week.
  - ✓ Have launched the search for the COB Dean. Dr. Bradford is chairing committee.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> was the ribbon cutting ceremony for the faculty lounge. Will be soliciting ideas for who the lounge will be named.
- She is working with the foundation to create a \$25,000 faculty research and innovation scholarship program. It will be run through the foundation and is a companion to the faculty senate research grant program and will provide additional opportunities for faculty.
- There is enough money in the Colleen Sexton's Award for Stem education for an award to be made. Plans are to seek a student for a small amount.
- The Center for Community Media provided two research awards this week. Dr. Pagone is one of the leaders of the organization Dr. Phyllis West is one of the recipients and Dr. Jessica Bonner is the other.
- The Family Development Center received a Grow More Good Grassroots Grant and Equity Specialty Award in support of their community garden.
- The School of the Extended Learning is making an application for more VISTA scholars to join us to work with our veterans and Jaguar Jumps program.

*Dr. Bradford reported:*

- The budget development process is ongoing. April 10<sup>th</sup> the department budgets are due to the budget office Faculty should communicate with their chairs/deans to make sure their needs are being met. Faculty are also welcome to attend the budget meetings.

- The design drawings are complete for the Social Justice Institute and bids have been submitted. Bids will come back sometime in April. Project will then be submitted for Board approval at the June meeting. Project is not being paid out of salary dollars. Mainly coming from fundraising dollars. This institution will have a free legal clinic for GSU's students and community.
  - Faculty will be receiving more money by writing grants. They have negotiated a higher indirect rate (54%) from the federal government. A portion will go the faculty PIs, colleges, and the Provost. This will increase the revenue for the university.
  - He is chairing the COB Dean search committee. They have hired an executive search firm to assist.
  - Chuck Pustz (IT Director) is working with Dr. Pagone on a strategic technology plan to take us into the future.
  - There is a change in travel rules per the IRS. Reimbursement request must be submitted within 60 days of the travel. If it is not, it will be taxable.
  - He just received financial and federal audits. The findings have been reduced. There were only two findings, and neither were material. Kristopher Evangelista, our current Chief Internal Officer does an excellent job, however they are looking to hire an audit assistant to work with him.
- 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, p. 12.
    - b. College Reps -- Jang, King (p. 13), Manprisio (pp.14 -15), Didion, Valgoi
      - Jang (COB) – They have a search committee for a new dean. Plan is to have someone in place by the end of June.
      - King (CHHS) – OT has a search for a new faculty member. Spencer also added that the nursing department completed two faculty searches.
      - Manprisio (CAS) See report is F.S. packet – Highlights below:
        - ✓ Dr. Pagone received a \$1000 grant for the Center of Community Media. She will serve as director of the center.
        - ✓ Drs. Santoro, Smith, and Tweddle have earned promotion to full professor.
        - ✓ They hired a new Unit A faculty member
        - ✓ Muhammad also mentioned that they are having phone interviews for English department faculty
      - Valgoi (COE) – CES and MA in Counseling Programs received their CACREP accreditation until 2031. Also, Psychology has a search out for a Unit A faculty member.
  2. University Curriculum (Walsh) – Walsh not present. See report in F.S. packet, p. 16.
  3. Institutional Policies (Vining) – See report in F.S. packet, p. 17. Highlights below:
    - Policy 79 Demonstration and Public Protest Policy – IPC voted to extend its view. It is located on the IPC page and in curriculog.

- Policy 1 Academic Remediation was approved in 2018 but was never signed. It is also located on the IPC page and in curriculog for public comment.
- **Action Item: Approval of Policy 23 Constitution Exam Policy (p.18)** – Senate was asked to vote on its deprecation. A motion was made by Tymkow to deprecate the Policy. Winicki seconded the motion. The motion approved by unanimous vote.

4. Program Review (Tian)

- Committee met on 2/23 and 3/9. They have reviewed five programs. There are Twenty-one programs to review, however they have only received nine. The submissions were due in February.
- They are streamlining the submission process (internally and externally), working with the Provost to revise the submission form, and collecting feedback on the new process.

5. General Education (Tweddle/Cipra) – See report in F.S. packet, p. 19 - 20.

- Tweddle highlighted:
  - ✓ Committee met today and are making progress on the assessment plan revision. They will conduct a test run this summer with plans to implement it in the fall. They are also looking for national standardized assessment tools and encouraged faculty to share any ones they may be aware of. Cipri concurred that they have a callout for a global assessment tool.
  - ✓ There is still discussion regarding creating a better collaboration between faculty and athletic department as there needs to be a more formalized athletic liaison.

6. Institutional Wellness (Kelly/Lanigan) – Not present. See report in F.S. packet, p. 21

• Optional

1. Illinois Board of Higher Education (Harris) – Harris was presented a shared information regarding the February meeting. A detailed report available upon request.

2. Graduate Studies Council (Muhammad)

- The committee did not meet today. However, they will meet next week, 4/6.
- They are continuing their efforts with creating the College of Graduate Studies (new name).

3. Policy Monitoring Committee (Conrad/Kibble) – Conrad did not have any updates

4. Institutional Review Board (Getsoian/Shawahin) – Not present. No report

5. Faculty Professional Development (Lee/Didion) – Committee chairs were not present, however F.S. president Peng reminded everyone of the PD celebration event scheduled for Thursday, April 20 (see Dr. Lee's email dt. 3/28)

V. Old Business

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

**Action Item: Approval of February Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes (pp. 22 – 28)**

Motion made by Winicki to approve the February meeting minutes. Motion second by Tian All others in agreement to approve February meeting minutes.

VI. New Business – N/A

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned by F.S. President Peng at 2:57 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- Faculty Election Nomination (First Day), April 3
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting, April 6, 1 p.m. –3 p.m., Online
- Faculty Election Nomination (Last Day), April 17
- Faculty Senate Meeting: April 20, 1p.m. –3p.m., Engbretson Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Leonis S. Wright