

**Governors State University Faculty Senate**  
**September 21, 2017, 1:00-3:00PM, Hall of Governors**  
**Minutes**

**Senators in Attendance:**

	P. Blobaum (AL/UL)	X	L. Geller* (UL)	X	J. Shin (CAS)
X	K. Boland-Prom (AL/CHHS)	X	D. Golland* (CAS)	X	S. Spencer (CHHS)
	M. Carrington* (CAS)	X	J. Goode (CAS)*	X	A. Tamulis (CAS)
X	S. Cervantes (COE)	X	G. Howell (COE)	X	S. Wadhwa (CHHS)
X	C. Chang (COB)	X	J. Klomes (COE)	X	B. Winicki* (AL/COE)
X	A. Cipra* (COE)	X	W. Kresse* (COB)	X	C. White (CAS)
X	N. Ermasova (CAS)		P. Mohanty (COB)	X	M. Zell* (CHHS)
X	E. Essex* (CHHS)	X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)*		
X	L. Falconnier (CHHS)	X	B. Parin (AL/CAS)		

\* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

*Others Present:* A Vendrely, D. Bordelon, C. Sexton, A. Andrews, A. Denk, S. Jones-Harper, L. Moody

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

Golland called the meeting to order at 2:02pm with a quorum present.

Approval of agenda moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Golland announced that Dr. Spencer had asked to be relieved of her duties as senate secretary for the semester; Jayne Goode volunteered service as Acting Secretary; approved without objection and appointed.

**II. Administration Updates**

A. Enrollment: Freshman, Undergraduate/Graduate Overall, Comparison to Last Year (Provost Bordelon). 216 freshman 2016, 217 freshman last year. The undergrad/grad overall enrollment is down 10.9%. And total FTE is down 8.6%. However, undergraduate credit hours are down only 2.88%. There is a large decline in international students, graduate enrollment down 18.41%. Credit hours this year total 14,003 last year over 17000. We are down about 50.9% from last year. They were predicting to see declines in the area. They are working to improve recruitment efforts, including diversifying areas of recruitment such as Vietnam, Japan, and China. The total number of grad students is 1859 – 209 current students. Housing at 97.2 occupancy compared with last fall at 99.65%; 16 female students on waiting list, have 5 or 6 male students' rooms open.

The Provost will follow up on the percentage of international students compared with total number of students. Most students are in computer science.

Senator asked about surveying students and housing for larger freshman class.

Senator Howell asked about marketing funds are used for international recruitment.

Provost Bordelon responded that the Office of International Service does outreach.

International students pay double tuition and are full time. One objective of the university is to diversify campus and have large international pool.

Provost Bordelon reported that current students participate in current campaigns.

Some faculty have been involved also. Further, a group visited from an institution in Japan and met with Maribeth Voss (OIS) who speaks fluent Japanese.

B. Evaluation of Advisement (Associate Provost Vendrely)

Surveys and SEIs Aggregated not used in evaluation process in any way. The Provost's office has not compiled it that way or used it that way.

C. Faculty credentials (Associate Provost Vendrely)

Presented the HLC (Policy Number: CRRT.B.10.020) Standards and what our own policy for graduate faculty looks like. Page 3 contains the summary of expectations. She reported that this would be used to collect data in a central place and help with the evaluation of or Unit B faculty and adjuncts.

D. Signature programs (Provost Bordelon)

Provost presented the current signature programs. The programs are meant to drive students to our websites and get students interested who may not know what they want to go into.

E. Policy 1 (Provost Bordelon)

The Provost is getting ready to submit to faculty and IPC a revision for policy 1.

Contractual obligations prevented Administration from following policy 1 in the spring of 2017.

III. Presentations

A. Branding (Angela Denk, Marketing)

Angela introduced herself as the external voice for GSU and asked for stories from all colleges. Student success is a reflection of faculty excellence. She mentioned she has reached out to Shannon Dermer about COE. She also reported that diversity and safety were key when communicating with international students.

B. Provost Bordelon said deans were meeting with CDB to discuss how to market to graduate students. She announced the Oct 5 committee meetings will not be held. Oct 13 Symposium.

IV. Reports

A. External

1. Student Senate report (Student Senate Vice President – Lester Moody)

Student Senate will again participate in the Rock the Vote campaign. Meeting with Academic Affairs chair to discuss policy 21. Discussion of pros and cons of changing Latin honors requirements. Senator Boland-Prom encouraged student conduct committee memberships to get more student input. Senators Muhammed & Klomes discussed compromises because transfer students and homegrown students are two different groups.

Senate has requested data from OIR regarding the number of students currently attaining Honors.

2. Sheryl Jones Harper (Civil Service Senate)

Jones-Harper stated that they are not represented. She described problems with seniority based policy that limits flexibility. She asked to revisit issue of pay equity, specifically when a title is switched to AP. She provided information on the delayed pay check as it relates to fix deductions. She announced fundraisers on November 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are doing a Carson day's event. There is also a meeting of SEIU in the E-lounge. October 26<sup>th</sup> at 12PM.

3. IBHE-FAC (Cortese) Written report submitted.

V. Old Business

A. Approval of minutes.

Howell moved. Geller seconded. Motion carried.

B. Bylaws Revision Discussion and Vote

Kresse moved, Geller seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Reports

A. President

(Faculty Senate Appointments)

Falconnier moved to approve uncontested seats; Spencer seconded. Motion carried.

Zell moved appointment of Chris Tweddle to Title III Grant Committee;

Ermasova seconded. Senator Essex objected and asked about the procedure. –

Golland explained that there was no existing procedure but that he was obligated to allow consideration of the motion unless withdrawn. Ermasova withdrew her second and Zell withdrew the motion.

Senator Howell moved for secret ballot for both contested seats at the same time; seconded. Motion carried. Secret ballot conducted by Kresse.

B. Senate Committees

a. APRC (Wadhwa)

- i. Senator Cipra withdrew. Tim Pedigo was appointed as a replacement.

b. IPC (Boland-Prom)

- i. Elected a new chair, Boland-Prom. Faculty will meet with Student Conduct Committee.

c. UCC (Parin) – Nothing to report.

- d. Scheduling Task Force (Tamulis)
    - i. Will be sending out survey scheduling concerns for faculty and students.
- C. University Committees
  - a. Gen Ed Council (Zell) - November 10 Symposium – issues related to equity and inclusion
  - b. Grad Council (Falconnier) - Nothing to report.
  - c. SEI Task Force (Mohanty)
 

Golland read the following email message from Senator Mohanty: “After having identified what the SEI instrument should measure (i.e., the valued outcomes), the members are working on identifying the items that reflect these outcomes or constructs. We are having two meetings in September to expedite the process. In the first September meeting, each attending member was assigned the task of identifying the items for specific assigned constructs. In the second meeting in September, all the members will review the items for one of the key constructs.”
- D. Bargaining Unit (Estep)
 

Unit B were given second contract. The civility policy was invoked. Asked about lecturers and Unit B’s to hold seat on faculty senate. There was a question about Administration honoring credit hour guidelines. October 11<sup>th</sup> welcome back party.

Senator Klomes moved for a five-minute extension; seconded. Motion carried.

## VII. New Business

- A. Faculty Wellness (Mohanty) tabled until October meeting.

Kresse announced the results of balloting. Chris Tweddle elected to Title III Advisory Committee by majority vote. For the BOT Academic Affairs Committee, Winicki received a plurality vote. Golland asked for a motion to appoint Winicki. Klomes moved; Spencer seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne R. Goode, PhD  
Acting Secretary