

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

**August 18, 2016
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Hall of Honors**

Senators in Attendance:

	P. Blobaum (AL/UL)	X	J. Goode* (CAS)	X	X. She (COE)
X	M. Carrington* (CAS)	X	G. Howell (COE)	X	J. Shin (CAS)
X	X. Chen (CAS)	X	J. Klomes* (COE)	X	S. Spencer (CHHS)
X	D. Cortese (CAS)	X	E. Mengova (COB)		A. Tamulis* (CAS)
X	N. Ermasova (CAS)	X	P. Mohanty* (COB)	X	C. Tymkow (AL/CHHS)
X	E. Essex (CHHS)	X	R. Muhammad* (AL/CAS)		S. Wadhwa (CHHS)
	L. Falconnier (CHHS)		B. Parin* (AL/CAS)	X	S. Wagner (AL/COB)
	L. Geller (UL)	X	Z. Ramamonjiarivelo* (CHHS)	X	B. Winicki* (COE)
X	D. Golland* (CAS)	X	G. Sargut (COB)		

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

Others Present: A. Andrews, D. Bordelon, S. Estep, W. Kresse (Parliamentarian), E. Maimon, K. Thomas, A. Vendrely, M. Zell

1. *Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m., with quorum, by Faculty Senate President Winicki.

Introduction of new Senators: Winicki introduced the new senators: Spencer (CHHS), Mohanty (COB), Howell (COE), Goode (CAS), Klomes (COE), Ermasova (CAS) and Shin (CAS). Afterward, the remaining senators introduced themselves.

College/UL Caucuses (Selection of representatives to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee): Representatives selected to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee are as follows: Goode (CAS), Ramamonjiarivelo (CHHS), Mohanty (COB) and Klomes (COE). The UL representative to the Executive Committee will be determined later.

2. *Administrative Updates: President Maimon* thanked new and returning senators for participating in a leadership role in shared governance during challenging times for GSU. She then introduced *Kim Thomas*. Thomas began employment last year as Budget Director. She recently has been promoted to *Interim Vice President of Administration and Finance*, and will be co-chairing PBAC with Provost Bordelon.
 - *Budget, Enrollment-* Maimon said that recent statements in the media regarding the Illinois budget have been misleading. She said that on April 22, 2016, GSU received the first money from the state during FY 2016. At that time, all state universities except Chicago State University received 30% of appropriation, based on FY15 (after rescission) funding. Also at that time, state universities were reimbursed for MAP funding for Fall 2015. Then on June 30, 2016, the state reimbursed universities for MAP funding for Spring 2016. Also on June 30, the legislature approved a six month budget for FY17. No additional MAP funding was approved, so GSU will continue to front MAP money for students during FY17. Maimon added that no additional money is expected until after the November elections. She said that a “lame duck” legislative session may occur in January 2017, during which some movement might occur on the budget. She added, however, that state universities might have to work with only stop-gap budgets for the next 2 ½ years. She stated that GSU cannot wait for a full budget this year, and therefore will conduct austerity planning, with an austerity budget. This planning will necessitate setting priorities and making hard choices. She said that even though GSU is the only regional school with increasing enrollment, increased funds from tuition are not enough to offset reduced funding from the state. Consequently, GSU is continuing to spend reserve money. Maimon added some additional budget-related bad news. During July, Moody’s and Standard and Poor downgraded GSU’s credit rating two notches—not due to poor money management by GSU, but to the state’s reliance on stop-gap budgets.

Provost Bordelon thanked faculty, and said that she and President Maimon soon will be coming to all-college meetings. During the meetings, they will communicate progress on Vision 2020. Bordelon reported that GSU is projecting 225 new freshmen this semester. Of those, 190 have registered. Of freshmen admitted, 53 were direct admits, with the remainder attending Smart Start. Bordelon reported that retention rates for 2015 freshmen will be reported in mid-September, but they estimate an approximate 55% retention from freshman to sophomore year. She said that the recent revision of Policy 14 has tightened retention—a result of the increased standards for retention, which are beneficial. She added that some students who were 2015 freshmen have outstanding balances with GSU that they are working with the Financial Aid office to resolve. Bordelon reported that 1918 transfer students applied to GSU for Fall semester, with 1226 admitted. For graduate students, 1918 applied, with 1045 admitted. She added that for the first time, GSU instituted a late registration fee. Golland read the following written statement from Muhammad (who had to leave the meeting early): “The late fees were put in before faculty were back on contract; therefore, some students were without advisors to help on course selection.”

- *Provost’s recommendations regarding program elimination* –Provost Bordelon reported that the Academic Program Elimination Review Committee (APEREC) met during the Spring 2016 semester, and made recommendations to the Provost’s office on programs to eliminate or retain. After reviewing the committee’s recommendations, Bordelon produced a report recommending programs for elimination, suspension, or monitoring. This report will be presented to the Board of Trustees (BoT) tomorrow. She added that

in the future, APERC will be involved in deciding which programs are put on a watch list. Winicki asked if there is a distinction between elimination and suspension for programs in the report from the Provost's office. *Associate Provost Vendrely* replied that subject to BoT approval recommendations in the report, programs recommended for elimination would be permanently eliminated. Winicki stated that reports from both APERC and the Provost's office will be presented to the BoT tomorrow. She added that according to the Provost's recommendations, some certificate programs would be retained, while the programs housing the certificates would be eliminated. As a result, faculty would have to continue to teach courses for the certificates without programs—a puzzling problem and inefficient situation. Bordelon replied that some decisions were made to retain stand-alone certificates. She added that no faculty positions would be eliminated as a result of the recommendations. Essex questioned the rationale for eliminating concentrations. Maimon replied that all Illinois universities are under increased scrutiny from the state. Golland stated that it appeared that the Provost's office ignored the APERC report and instead based its recommendations to BoT on the original list of programs recommended for elimination that it gave to the APERC. He added that he was concerned that decisions be based on shared governance. Estep asked if the BoT will be taking action on recommendations for program elimination tomorrow. Maimon replied that tomorrow the BoT will take action on three employment contracts, and on program elimination recommendations. Estep said that some faculty are concerned that they cannot address the board before action is taken on program eliminations—instead, the public comment period is scheduled for the afternoon, after action will have been taken. Bordelon replied that the GSU administration has followed Article 25 regarding procedures for program elimination: APERC makes recommendations, and after considering those recommendations, the Provost's office prepares a report of recommendations to be presented to the BoT. Klomes and Winicki reiterated the concern about timing of public comments in relation to action being taken on program eliminations. Golland suggested that the administration ask the BoT to seat faculty representatives at its meeting tomorrow. Tymkow requested that the Nursing Informatics concentration be removed from the Provost's report as a program to be eliminated. Bordelon stated that the APERC report was not shared with the BoT at its May 2016 meeting. Maimon said that there is no provision in procedures for a special session on program elimination, and added that she thought that the Provost's office was extremely consultative. Winicki respectfully disagreed that there was enough time for comment on the Provost's office recommendations, because Provost's office report was not available until a few weeks ago. She again requested that there be an opportunity tomorrow for faculty to speak before action is taken. Maimon replied that the BoT does not ask questions during public comments. She added that there was an opportunity for faculty to speak at the May BoT meeting. Andrews asked if the BoT can make a decision to not follow the Provost's recommendations. Bordelon replied, “yes.”

3. *Faculty Senate Action Items:*

- *Approval of May 2016 Faculty Senate minutes* – Winicki proposed an amendment that the date be changed from April to the correct May date. Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Sargut seconded. Minutes were approved by voice vote with 4 abstentions.
- *Affirmation of Faculty Senate Standing Rules* – Winicki stated that the Standing Rules must be approved by the Faculty Senate each year. A task force or work group can be formed if needed to work on revisions. Cortese questioned the phrasing in Article II,

Section 8. The phrasing was corrected. Winicki will send an email to senators asking for concerns or revisions regarding the Standing Rules. Golland made a motion that the Standing Rules as amended be affirmed for the current academic year; Howell seconded. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

- *Appointment of members of committees (based on recommendations of the Executive Committee; require confirmation by Senate, per Bylaws)*– Wagner asked if service from volunteers will be counted as university service by GSU administration. Winicki replied that she will put this inquiry on the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting. After discussion, it was agreed to amend this Senate meeting agenda, *nunc pro tunc*, to read, “Appointment of members of committees” instead of “Confirmation of volunteer members of committees.” Wagner made a motion to make the amendment; Sargut seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Persons to be appointed to committees are as follows:

- APRC: CHHS, Elizabeth Wanka
- EPC: CAS, David Golland; At Large, Ben Almassi; COB, Anthony Andrews
- Academic Program Elimination Committee: CAS, Rashidah Muhammad; CHHS, Raven Badger; At Large, David Rhea
- BoT, Policy Monitoring Committee: Amanda Athon; Susan Ji
- BoT, Academic Affairs Subcommittee: Sayoni Bose
- BoT, Human Resources Subcommittee: Olumide Ijose

Klomes made a motion that the Faculty Senate make the above appointments to committees; Sargut seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- *Establish SEI Item Content Task Force* – This item is tabled until after the SEI transition discussion at the Executive Committee meeting.
- *Resolution Regarding Committee, Working Group, Task Force Membership* – Resolution is attached. Several amendments were made to the resolution. Winicki stated that the resolution will go to the Provost. Cortese suggested that it be sent to BoT. Winicki replied that everything always must go through the President’s office first. Golland said that communication with BoT will be discussed during the next Executive Committee meeting. Howell made a motion to approve the resolution as amended; Cortese seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. *Reports: (AY 15-16 Annual Written Reports from Committees)*

- *APRC*- No report.
- *EPC*- No report.
- *UCC*- No report.

5. *Announcements from other committees:*

- *Graduate Studies Council*- No report.
- *General Education Council*- Zell reported that the General Education Council now is focusing on the Social Responsibility outcome as it applies to junior seminar courses. They also are focusing on Global Studies and Sociology courses. Winicki said that CAS and COE need to elect representatives to the General Education Council.
- *IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee*- Winicki said that an alternative representative is need for IBHE FAC beginning in December, because Cortese will be on sabbatical leave.

- *Bargaining Unit*- Estep reported that the union has been concerned with university service issues, because a faculty member recently was terminated in part because he did not have enough university service. She also reported that the new contract is still in rough draft form. The union will have a “welcome back” party soon, and Estep will try to get Rancy Winegardner to attend. During the coming year, the union is planning to host a “Know your Contract” session, and a service summit.
- *PBAC*- Winicki said that additional representatives are needed for PBAC; she will add this request to the Executive Committee agenda.

6. *Adjournment*: Howell made a motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 3:06.

Next meetings: Executive Committee, September 1, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Library Conference Room (D2417)
 Faculty Senate, September 15, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Hall of Honors

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Carrington
Faculty Senate Secretary

Attachments:

- Resolution Regarding Committee, Working Group, Task Force Membership

**Resolution
of the
Governors State University
Faculty Senate
Regarding**

Working Groups, Task Forces, Committees, etc., Dealing with Academic Matters

Whereas: The Governors State University has a proud tradition of shared governance, especially in the conduct of academic matters at the university; and,

Whereas: It is vital that faculty have a role in that shared governance; and,

Whereas: It is the role of the Faculty Senate to facilitate that role of faculty in shared governance; and,

Whereas: This important role of the Faculty Senate in shared governance is harmed when bodies are created at Governors State University that affect academic matters and yet operate outside of the knowledge and input of the Faculty Senate.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Faculty Senate of Governors State University:

- That all bodies, whether termed as *working groups, task forces, committees, or otherwise*, that have an impact on academic matters at Governors State University must be created with the knowledge and input of the Faculty Senate, and report to the Faculty Senate on a regular basis; and,
- The Faculty Senate calls upon the Provost to ensure that the Faculty Senate be informed of all such bodies currently in existence, and to notify the Faculty Senate prior to creating any new such body; and,
- The Faculty Senate calls upon the Provost to ensure that all such bodies include faculty members either appointed by, or approved by, the Faculty Senate; and,
- The Faculty Senate calls upon the Provost to direct all such bodies to report on a regular basis to the Faculty Senate, in a time and fashion as requested by the Faculty Senate.

Adopted by the Governors State University Faculty Senate this ___ day of _____, 2016.

X _____ President