

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the October 10, 2014 Meeting

Anibal Taboas, Chair

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met on Friday, October 10, 2014 in Engbretson Hall at Governors State University. The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Committee Chair Anibal Taboas. Also in attendance were Committee members Eileen Durkin, Brian D. Mitchell and Jeremy Joyce, and Trustees Jack Beaupre, Bruce Friefeld, Patrick Ormsby and Lorraine Tyson.

Others present: Elaine P. Maimon, President; Deborah E. Bordelon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Gebeyehu Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff; Alexis Kennedy, General Counsel; Karen Kissel, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Will Davis, Vice President for Development; Maureen Kelly, Director of Governmental and Community Relations; Rashidah J. Muhammad, Faculty Senate President; Sheryl Jones-Harper, Civil Service Senate President; Lisa Wallace, Student Senate President; Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost; Ann Vendrely, Associate Provost; Reinhold Hill, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean, College of Business and Public Administration; Elizabeth Cada, Dean, College of Health and Human Services; Aurelio Valente, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs; Faculty Senate Representative Shaalein Lopez; and David Dixon, Internal Auditor.

Committee Chair Taboas welcomed Faculty Senate Representative Shaalein Lopez.

INFORMATION ITEMS

GSU Program Accreditation Status Summary – September 2014

Bordelon reviewed the summary chart, which is in the Board Book, and highlights upcoming accreditation visits. Taboas asked if the programs are organized centrally or by each college. Bordelon responded that each college handles their individual programs, but they keep the Provost's Office apprised as to ongoing activities and when accreditors are going to be on campus. Taboas asked where information on accreditor site visits can be found. Bordelon pointed out upcoming visits are located in the chart, as well as on the individual college websites. She added she will be giving a brief presentation on accreditation at the December Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Taboas requested a motion to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2014 Academic Affairs Committee meeting. Mitchell made a motion. Tyson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 15—03: Award of Professor Emeritus Status

Bordelon explained that Drs. Akkanad M. Isaac and William Yacullo have submitted requests for Professor Emeritus status, and it is being recommended by their Colleges, the Provost and the President. She gave a brief summary of their contributions to GSU.

Resolution 15—04: Approval of Division Name Change in the College of Arts and Sciences

Bordelon stated the rationale for renaming the Division of Science to the Division of Chemistry and Biological Sciences is to delineate the specific programmatic foci of the two science divisions.

Resolution 15—05: Approval to Create the Division of Computing, Mathematics and Technology (CMT) in the College of Arts and Sciences

Bordelon explained the primary objective for creating the *Division of Computing, Mathematics and Technology* is to expand pre-professional science and technology programming at GSU. Taboas asked if this action requires IBHE approval. Bordelon responded that once it is approved by the Board it will be submitted to IBHE for their review. Taboas requested a motion to approve Resolutions 15-03, 15-04 and 15-05 for inclusion on the Consent Agenda. Mitchell made a motion. Durkin seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for Public Comment.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Two more information items were discussed:

Annual Listing of AY13-14 Program Changes

Bordelon explained this is a continuous update to inform the Board. There were no questions.

Update on Academic Master Plan (AMP)

Bordelon reported that the AMP Committee met on October 6, 2014. A written review will be provided at the December Board meeting. This information can also be found on the GSU portal. Taboas asked how programs with declining enrollment are tracked and assessed. Bordelon explained every program goes through a cyclical review every eight years per IBHE guidelines.

Some of the things looked at are enrollment trends and registration rates. If a program is not performing well then it might be flagged for a couple of years, and reviewed yearly to follow its status. In order for a program to be discontinued it must first go through a review process by faculty committees and then brought before the Board for approval. Taboas thanked Bordelon for the comprehensive explanation. Ormsby asked if the minors in *3D Animation and Modelling* and *Gaming Design and Modelling* are in high demand. Bordelon responded that they are, and the University is studying the possibility of developing these into majors. She pointed out they are collaborative programs between multiple departments. Ormsby asked if GSU has a 3D printer and scanner on campus, which Bordelon confirmed.

There being no further discussion Taboas requested a motion to adjourn. Durkin made a motion. Tyson seconded. The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned at 9:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Johns Maloney