

Faculty Senate Meeting
1:00-3:00 p.m.
(Extended to 3:30 p.m.)
April 17, 2014
Engbretson Hall

Minutes

Senators in Attendance:

X	K. Boland-Prom (CHHS)	X	O. Ijose (CBPA)		V. Person (COE)
X	Y. Brown (CAS)*		R. James (CHHS)		X. She (COE)
X	J. Cook (COE)	X	S. Ji (CBPA)*	X	A. Tamulis (CAS)*
X Via phone	D. Cortese (CAS)*	X	E. Johnson (CAS)	X	C. Tymkow (AL/CHHS)
X	E. Essex (CHHS)	X	M. Kasik (COE)*	X	S. Wadhwa (CHHS)
	S. Gandy (AL/COE)		C. Luo (CBPA)	X	R. Washington (CHHS)*
X	L. Geller (UL)*	X	E. Mengova (CBPA)	X	B. Wilson (CAS)
	D. Golland (CAS)	X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)*	X	B. Winicki (COE)*
X	D. Hechenberger (AL/COE)*	X	B. Parin (AL/CAS)*		

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Guests: D. Bordelon, A. Latham, P. Blobaum, G. Ejigu

1. *Call to order*, with quorum, at 1:04 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Muhammad. There were no additions to the agenda. Hechenberger made the motion to approve the agenda; Tamulis seconded. The agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. *OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship*
 Paul Blobaum of the University Library provided information on OPUS, which is currently in development. The Illinois Open Access Act signed by Governor Quinn requires university policies for open-access to faculty scholarship. OPUS will provide

archiving for and accessibility to the scholarly output of the university community. Mr. Blobaum has been named Scholarly Communications Librarian and is leading the development of OPUS. By fall 2014, the Digital Commons platform should be ready for GSU use. The first task will be to archive CAS students' theses. Digital Commons is both a repository and a communications venue. In addition, it can produce reports (e.g., number of downloads of documents). Mr. Blobaum provided a draft brochure explaining the functions and benefits of OPUS.

3. Administrative Reports:

Provost Bordelon began her report with information about freshmen admissions. There have been 501 applications, and 231 of those 501 have been admitted. Of the 231 admitted, 82 are direct admissions, 94 are required to take both math and English Early Start, 44 must take math only, and 11 must take English only. There have been 45 confirmed enrollments (i.e., a deposit of \$150 has been paid). Provost Bordelon noted that the student population of the first freshmen class should be known by mid-June. She also noted that there are 188 incomplete applications, and the university is working with high school counselors to complete those applications. There have been about 48 applications for the residence hall.

ALEKS placement test, which is used by other IL universities including University of Illinois Chicago, will be taken by freshmen. This assessment evaluates college-readiness in math and other areas, identifies students' strengths and weaknesses, and can be the basis of remediation plan. It can be readministered to assess progress. For English placement, a Blackboard site has been developed. Incoming students will read and respond to scholarly work, and their responses will be read by two English faculty members. In addition, ACT scores can be used to help with placement and planning academic support. Provost Bordelon stated that, in addition to the Early Start program during the summer, students receive support in classes and during supplemental Friday sessions.

Provost Bordelon ended her report by announcing that, on April 28, an open house will be held for incoming freshmen and juniors. High school teachers and counselors will be attending. Also, regarding the Open Access Task Force, Provost Bordelon noted that information can be accessed through the Provost's website, and the next meeting is April 24, from 2:00 to 4:00 in COE conference room (G261). Provost Bordelon stated that feedback on the Vision 2020 plan is needed, and comments can be sent anonymously through campus mail. Finally, Provost Bordelon reminded senators of the two commencement ceremonies on May 17; CAS and CBPA will be in the morning, and CHHS and COE will be in the evening.

Sports at GSU: Executive Vice President Ejigu provided an update on the plans to bring competitive sports to GSU. He reminded the senators of the presentation he and Dean of Students Valente made to the Senate just prior to approval of the plan by the Board of Trustees. He noted that the initiative is progressing as planned, and a letter of intent to join the NAIA conference membership has been sent. This conference has 17 member institutions in Illinois and Indiana. Exec. VP Ejigu stated that it takes about three years after admission to the conference for competition to start. A number of appropriate sports are being considered, including basketball, volleyball, golf, track and field, and softball. The goal is to serve the sports needs of all students. Exec. VP Ejigu stated that the reflooring of the basketball gym has been completed, and work will on outdoor facilities will begin in order to be ready for fall 2014. Finally, Exec. VP Ejigu reported that a part-time (15 hours per week) athletic director/consultant has been hired, and he is currently working on recruitment of student athletes and part-time coaches. In response to a senator's question, Exec. VP Ejigu stated that providing for safety of the university community is not budget reliant.

Assoc. Provost Latham provided a brief update on the UPI contract negotiations. She stated that there are one or two items remaining to iron out, but the negotiations are nearing completion. She noted that it is difficult to arrange meeting times; the next meeting is scheduled for May 7, but they are trying to find an earlier time convenient for everyone.

In response to a question regarding the Illinois pension and retirement situation, Executive Vice President Ejigu noted that when the new the contract for UPI is completed, it will be retroactively effectivet at the end of the last contract, completion by June 30 this year is not important. In a response to a question about the condition of University Parkway, Exec. VP Ejigu stated that President Maimon is working with Will County and an associatiion of mayors and managers in the area. They are optimistic that an agreement can be made in the next year.

(Administration members left the meeting at 2:19 p.m.)

Note: Due to lack of time, most of the Faculty Reports, as well as approval of March 2014 minutes, were postponed.

4. *Faculty Senate and Committee Nominations and Elections:*

Faculty Senate President Muhammad explained that the UPC nominations are on hold until after completion of contract negotiations. If the new contract does not contain term limits on UPC membership, the nominations will be re-opened to allow all current members to continue. Faculty Senate President Muhammad stated that most of the

nominations to fill Senate and committee openings were uncontested. For those that were contested, ballots will be put in campus mailboxes by Monday April 21. In addition, Faculty Senate President Muhammad will request further nominations for Senate openings in CHHS and COE. There was a brief discussion to clarify terms of standing committee expansion seats, which are approved yearly by the Senate. Faculty Senate Secretary Winicki read aloud the list of nominees to be seated due to uncontested nominations, as well as the lists of nominees for contested nominations. Kasik made the motion to approve those who had uncontested nominations; Ijose seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. *Educational Policies Committee: Proposed Revision of Policy 4 Student Conduct*
EPC Chair Tamulis provided background regarding the proposed revision of Policy 4 and highlighted the major changes being proposed. He stated that freshmen admissions and on-campus housing had prompted Dean of Students Valente to request revision in the policy, and that EPC had extensive discussion on the content and structure of the policy. Tamulis noted that the proposed revision has an expanded list of types of misconduct, it provides clarification for faculty regarding academic misconduct (i.e., initial control of consequences is under the control of faculty member), and a list of definitions has been added (Section II). Kasik made the motion to approve the proposed revision of Policy 4; Tymkow seconded. The motion was approved with all but one voting yes; the exception was an abstention.

By unanimous voice vote, the Faculty Senate agreed to extend the meeting until 3:30 p.m.

6. The Faculty Senate moved into *Executive Session* at 2:49 p.m.

During the Executive Session, the Faculty Senate discussed the situation within the UPI negotiations team. There was a quorum throughout the Executive Session, although several senators left between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m.

Adjourned 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting: May 15, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Winicki
Faculty Senate Secretary