

Resolution No. 26-31

Honoring the Service of Vice President Paul McGuinness

Whereas Paul McGuinness, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, is a proud alumnus of Governors State University;

Whereas Vice President McGuinness has dedicated his nearly 40-year career to serving institutions of higher education with distinction, including Governors State University;

Whereas Vice President McGuinness has helped shaped the futures of countless learners committed to improving their lives through the pursuit of higher education;

Whereas Vice President McGuinness, through his tireless leadership and dedication, has enriched Governors State University's campus culture and student life through many endeavors, including:

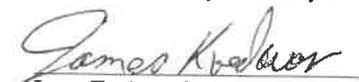
- the development and execution of a strategic enrollment management plan built on the principles of diversity, inclusion, and accessibility, which utilizes effective technology adopted under his leadership;
- the growth of competitive student athletics to 15 men's and women's varsity sports, several of which have earned national recognition in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics post-season competition, and the development of new athletic facilities, including a regulation soccer field;
- the globalization of the student population through international recruitment, expanding the institution's enrollment of international students over six-fold during his tenure; and
- the implementation of enhanced student support systems to ensure student success, including the establishment of the First Gen Center and the LatinX Resource Center, and implementing 24x7 access to mental health resources for students;

Whereas Vice President McGuinness has served as an exemplary colleague, offering broad expertise in the fields of higher education administration, student affairs, and enrollment management; leading a team of nearly 60; serving as a valued member of the President's Cabinet; and offering friendship and mentorship to many; and

Whereas, Vice President McGuinness exemplifies the mission, vision, and values of Governors State University, conducting himself with integrity, humility, and humor: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Governors State University honors Vice President McGuinness, commending his exceptional service to and leadership of the University, its students and his colleagues, saluting his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

Approved this 23rd Day of February 2026


James Kvedaras, Chair
Karen Nunn, Secretary