

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes of the Friday, November 15, 2019 Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Governors State University Board of Trustees meeting for Friday, November 15, 2019 was called to order by Vice Chair Kevin Brookins at 11:18am. Roll call was taken and Trustees Kevin Brookins, John Brudnak, Pedro Cevallos-Candau, Angela Sebastian-Hickey, Jim Kvedaras, Lester Van Moody, and Anibal Taboas were in attendance. Trustee Lisa Harrell was absent.

Also in attendance:

Elaine P. Maimon, President

Sarah Boeckman, Interim General Counsel, Burke Burns & Pinelli, Ltd.

Mary Pat Burns, Interim General Counsel, Burke Burns & Pinelli, Ltd.

W. Paul Bylaska, Vice President for Administration and Finance

Elizabeth A. Cada, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

David Golland, Faculty Senate President

Sheryl Jones-Harper, Civil Service Senate President

Joan Johns Maloney, Coordinator of Benefits and Employee Relations, Human Resources

Penny Perdue, Chief of Administrative Operations and Liaison to the Board

Kristiana Russell, Student Senate President

Markita Alexander, Academic and Career Success Guide, CJY

Sandra Alvarado, Director of Human Resource Service/Title IX Coordinator

Catherine Balthazar, Dean, College of Health and Human Services

Zion Banks, Senior Writer, Marketing and Communications

Karen Caesar, Director, Office of Special Events

Mushtaq Choudhary, Director, Auxiliary Services and Housing

Bruce Crooks, IT Technical Associate, ITS

Will Davis, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and CEO of the GSU Foundation

Shannon Dermer, Dean, College of Education

Sondra Estep, President of GSU UPI Chapter 4100

Kristoffer Evangelista, Chief Internal Auditor

Tim Harrington, Chair, College of Education

Olumide Ijose, Chair, College of Business

Rosemary Johnsen, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

Denise Jones, Specialist, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research

Joseph Kearns, IT Technical Associate

Maureen Kelly, Director of Government and Community Relations

Andrae Marak, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Johnsie McAuley-Davis, Administrative Assistant, College of Health and Human Services

Larry McClellan, University Professor (retired), College of Arts and Sciences

James McGee, Director of Public Safety

Susie Morris, Office Manager, Student Affairs
John Perry, Director, Financial Aid
John Potempa, Associate VP for Facilities Development and Management
Chuck Pustz, AVP for Information Technology
Alexis Sarkisian, Special Projects Manager, University Library
Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs
Katie Schaefer, Budget Analyst, Budget and Financial Planning
Caren, Schranz, Chair, College of Health and Human Services
Dale Schuit, Professor (retired), College of Health and Human Services
Kevin Smith, Director of Veterans Affairs and Testing Administration
Tracy Sullivan, Assistant Vice President of Procurement
Aurélio Valente, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
Corey Williams, Associate VP for Student Affairs & Dean of Students
Barbara Winicki, Associate Professor (retired), College of Education
Jim Zumerchik, Facilities Project Manager, Facilities Development and Management
Sandra Zurawski, Director of Budget and Financial Planning

In addition, the following Faculty Senate Representatives were in attendance: Alli Cipra, Carlos Ferran, Giesela Grumbach, Rashidah Muhammad, Catherine Tymkow, and Chelsea Vanderpool.

Public Comment

Sondra Estep, Associate Professor, College of Education and President, UPI Chapter 4100
Dr. Estep provided her report, thanking the board for their efforts on behalf of the University.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Brookins asked for a motion to approve the open minutes and executive session minutes of the September 12, 2019 board meeting and to keep the executive session minutes closed pursuant to the recommendation of counsel. Sebastian-Hickey motioned. Kvedaras seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Vice Chair Brookins asked for a motion to approve the open minutes and executive session minutes of the October 2, 2019 board meeting and to keep the executive session minutes closed pursuant to the recommendation of counsel. Kvedaras motioned. Cevallos-Candau seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Vice Chair Brookins asked for a motion to approve the open minutes and executive session minutes of the October 15, 2019 executive committee meeting and to keep the executive session minutes closed pursuant to the recommendation of counsel. Kvedaras motioned. Brookins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair

Chair Kvedaras reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier in the day. The committee motions that Resolution 20-18, Authorization to Confer Emeritus Status, be approved by the full board. Cevallos-Candau seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee Chair

Chair Sebastian-Hickey reported that the Budget and Finance Committee met earlier in the day. The committee motions that Resolution 20-19, Authorization to enter into a construction contract with McCauley Mechanical Construction, Inc., be approved by the full board. Kvedaras seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sebastian-Hickey reported that the committee motions that Resolution 20-20, Authorization to enter into construction contracts with The George Sollitt Construction Company, C.J. Erickson Plumbing Company, and Excel Electric Inc., be approved by the full board. Kvedaras seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sebastian-Hickey reported that the committee motions that Resolution 20-21, Approval of FY2021 Budget Request to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, be approved by the full board. Moody seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sebastian-Hickey reported that the committee motions that Resolution 20-22, Approval of FY2021 Capital Appropriations Request to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, be approved by the full board. Cevallos-Candau seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Report of the Human Resources Committee Chair

Chair Cevallos-Candau reported that Resolution 20-23 was moved to the full board meeting agenda. He had no committee action to report.

Report of the Governance and Nominations Committee Chair

Chair Brookins reported that no action was taken at the committee meeting earlier in the day.

Status Update on Transition from Vision 2020 to Strategy 2025

Provost Beth Cada gave her report. Discussion ensued. Vice Chair Brookins stated that he and board looked forward to follow up discussions regarding the strategic plan.

Report on Purchases \$50,000-\$99,999 for the period September 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019

The report is in the Board Book. There were no questions.

Approval of Board Representative Appointment to Civil Service Merit Board

Vice Chair Brookins asked if there were any nominations for the Civil Service Merit Board representative. Cevallos-Candau expressed interest. Vice Chair Brookins asked for a motion to approve Trustee Cevallos-Candau. Sebastian-Hickey motioned. Kvedaras seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Vice Chair Brookins noted a change in agenda order; Resolution 20-24, Consideration and Possible Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement 2019-2021, University Professionals of Illinois, Local 4100, would be considered after Executive Session.

President's Report

Elaine P. Maimon

President Maimon provided her report to the Board. Faculty and staff are preparing for the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) ten-year accreditation review, which the Board will hear more about in subsequent meetings. Maimon invited trustees to the grand opening of the new GSU food pantry later this afternoon and reported that the inaugural fall season of the men's and women's soccer teams ended successfully.

Senate Reports

Dr. David Golland, Faculty Senate President

Dr. Golland provided his Report to the Board. Faculty Senate has passed a resolution to reorganize the Academic Program Review Committee, formed a task force to update its bylaws and standing rules, and made some committee appointments. The Administrative Policies Committee has met, is working to review policies, and appreciates the service of Trustee Moody on this committee. Golland reported on the election of several Faculty Senate committee chairs, remarking on the time commitment of these positions.

Ms. Kristiana Russell, Student Senate President

Ms. Russell provided her report to the Board. A new Student Senate position has been added for a Student Athlete Senator. Student athletes have a different college experience and it is important to have their perspective represented. Russell explained that concerns have been raised by students regarding the Café, reporting that she is working with Student Affairs personnel and the Café to resolve these issues. The Senators are reviewing university policies and will work collaboratively with the Policy Committee. Russell concluded by reporting that the Senate will be holding a Rock the Vote event on November 21 to register new voters.

Legal Update/Executive Session

Vice Chair Brookins requested a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1), 2(c)(2), and 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act at 12:32pm to discuss personnel matter, collective bargaining agreements and pending litigation matters. Sebastian-Hickey motioned. Cevallos-Candau seconded. Roll call was taken and Brookins, Brudnak, Cevallos-Candau, Sebastian-Hickey, Kvedaras, Moody, and Taboas approved. Interim General Counsel Burns and President Maimon remained in Executive Session. Dennis Barden, WittKieffer, was invited to join the Executive Session.

Trustee Taboas motioned that the Board come out of Executive Session at 3:20pm. Trustee Kvedaras seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Vice Chair Brookins reported that the board met in Executive Session and no action was taken.

Senate Reports (continued)

Ms. Sheryl Jones-Harper, Civil Service Senate President

Having been absent earlier in the meeting, Sheryl Jones-Harper provided her report to the Board after Executive Session. Civil Service Senators participated in the Council of Councils Conference held at UIC in October. Jones-Harper attended the state Universities Civil Service System's Employee Advisory Committee meeting and she looks forward to working with the Merit Board representative from the Board. The Senate hosted an annual vendor fair and is planning its annual Civil Service Day, to be held in January. The Senate notes the positive things happening on campus, including the fall symposium. There are concerns, however, regarding inclusion, specifically in terms of compensation.

Resolution 20-24: Consideration and Possible Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement 2019-2021, University Professionals of Illinois, Local 4100.

Vice Chair Brookins requested a motion to approve Resolution 20-24. Sebastian-Hickey motioned. Cevallos-Candau seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration and Approval of Presidential Search Committee Charge

Vice Chair Brookins requested a motion to approve the Presidential Search Committee Charge. Trustee Kvedaras motioned that the Board approve the Charge in substantially final form, with such additional changes as discussed with the Board. Cevallos-Candau seconded. There was no additional discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 20-25: Consideration and Approval of Extension of Legal Services Contract

Vice Chair Brookins requested a motion to approve Resolution 20-25. Sebastian-Hickey motioned. Cevallos-Candau seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm with a motion from Trustee Kvedaras and a second from Trustee Cevallos-Candau. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Perdue
Recording Secretary

Approved