

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Friday, May 7, 2021 Regular Board Meeting**

Note: As permitted by Public Act 101-0640, Illinois Governor's Disaster Proclamation issued November 13, 2020, and Executive Order Number 2021-09, the May 7, 2021 board meeting was held via Zoom.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Governors State University Board of Trustees regular meeting for Friday, May 7, 2021 was called to order by Chair Harrell at 8:32 am. Roll call was taken and Trustees Kevin Brookins, Pedro Cevallos-Candau, Lisa Harrell, Jeanine Latrice Koger, Jim Kvedaras, Angela Sebastian, and Anibal Taboas were in attendance.

Also in attendance:

Cheryl Green, President

W. Paul Bylaska, Vice President for Administration and Finance

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

Therese King Nohos, Vice President, General Counsel and Interim Vice President of Human Resources

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

Anaberta Acosta, Financial Analyst/Planner Specialist, Institutional Research

Stacy Amedeo, Promotions and External Relations Coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences

Catherine Balthazar, Dean, College of Health and Human Services

Villalyn Baluga, Associate Vice President for Finance

Zion Banks, Senior Writer, Marketing and Communications

Kim Boland-Prom, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services

Theresa Booker, Telecommunications Engineer, Information Technology Services

Sayoni Bose, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

Karen Caesar, Director of Special Events

Hollie Campbell, Administrative Aide, Enrollment Management

Mushtaq Choudhary, Director of Auxiliary Services and Housing

Vicki Coffey, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services

Will Davis, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Marketing and Communications

Jose De La Paz, Associate Director, Benefits and Employee Relations

Dominick Demonica, Demonica Kemper Architects

Shannon Dermer, Dean, College of Education

Kristoffer Evangelista, Internal Auditor

Carlos Ferran, Faculty, College of Business

David Golland, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty Senate President

Andrienne Gray, Business/Administrative Associate, College of Business

David Green, Chair, College of Business

Giesela Grumbach, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services, Faculty Senate Representative
Brenda Hannigan, Administrative Assistant to Vice President for Administration and Finance
Nicole Harrison, Space Administrator, University Events Office
Sarah Hirsch, Project Manager, Advertising and Marketing, Marketing and Communications
Isabella Hollingsworth, Copywriter and Project Coordinator, Marketing and Communications
Joan Johns Maloney, Coordinator of Benefits and Employee Relations, Human Resources
Rosemary Johnsen, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs
Sheryl Jones-Harper, President, Civil Service Senate
Maureen Kelly, Director of Governmental and Community Relations
William Kresse, Faculty Senate Representative
Blaise Lukasiewicz, Documentation/Training Specialist, Information Technology Services
Andrae Marak, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Sandra Marak, Director of Human Resources
James McGee, Chief of Police
Johnsie McAuley-Davis, Administrative Assistant, College of Health and Human Services
Paul McGuinness, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Director of Admissions
Susie Morris, Office Manager, Student Affairs
Rashidah Muhammad, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty Senate Representative
Monika Okitipi, Graduate Placement Officer, Center for the Junior Year
Heather Penn, Chief Broadcasting Engineer, Digital Learning and Media Design
John Potempa, Associate Vice President for Facilities Development and Management
Charles Pustz, Associate Vice President for Information Technology Services
Jelena Radovic-Fanta, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences
David Rhea, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences, Director, Center for the Junior Year
Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs
Tracy Sullivan, Assistant Vice President of Procurement and Business Services
Mark Tyler, GSU Student, Student Senate President
Catherine Tymkow, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services, Faculty Senate Representative
Chelsea Vanderpool, Faculty, College of Business, Faculty Senate Representative
Nicole Warmington-Granston, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences
Kayla Warner, GSU Student
Laura White, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences
Corey Williams, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Fred Yantes, Budget Analyst, Budget and Financial Planning
Kaitlyn Wild, Director of Compliance
Maristela Zell, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services
Jun Zhao, Dean, College of Business
Jason Zingsheim, Chair, College of Arts and Sciences
Sandra Zurawski, Director of Budget and Financial Planning

Members of the general public were also in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda for May 7, 2021. Trustee Cevallos-Candau motioned. Trustee Koger seconded. Trustee Brookins then motioned to amend the agenda to remove Resolution 21-27, Approval of Proposed Restatement of Board Bylaws. Trustee Sebastian seconded. Trustee Brookins explained that General Counsel Nohos advised that further modifications were needed before the Board voted to approve the restatement of the Board Bylaws. The motion to amend the agenda to remove Resolution 21-27 was approved on a unanimous roll call vote. The motion to approve the amended meeting agenda was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Chair Remarks

Chair Harrell began her remarks with a moment of silence to honor those lost to COVID-19 during the past year, including members and friends of the GSU community. She acknowledged the significant strides the Board and the President have taken to bring about greater structure, collaboration, and transparency regarding communication among the Board, administration, faculty, and staff. She thanked faculty and staff for their work on behalf of the University and GSU students.

Public Comment

William Kresse, Faculty, College of Business
Professor Kresse provided remarks.

President's Report

President Green reported that a COVID-19 Town Hall meeting was held earlier in the week, moderated by Trustee Koger. Panelists from HR, Emergency Response Team, faculty, cabinet, Academic Affairs, and others spoke and answered questions relating to the Fall 2021 return to campus plan, course scheduling, HR matters, and health and safety protocols. Dr. Green thanked Governor Pritzker for the release of funds for the replacement of HVAC systems on campus. She acknowledged the work of the Planning and Budget Advisory Council as an example of the shared governance principles practiced at the University and Marketing and Communications as they continue their work auditing and updating the GSU website while also preparing for the installation of a new website and portal. She concluded her report with congratulations to GSU graduates.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2021 Board meeting and the March 18, 2021 special Board meeting. Trustee Brookins motioned. Trustee Cevallos-Candau seconded. Chair Harrell noted that United States Congressman Danny Davis' title was incorrect in the February 19, 2021 minutes and has been corrected. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Information Items

Chair Harrell asked Paul Bylaska, Vice President of Administration and Finance, and Beth Cada, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, to present the COVID-19 and CARES funding update. Drs. Bylaska and Cada presented. A discussion ensued.

Chair Harrell asked Corey Williams, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, to present the Hope Center Survey Report. Dean Williams presented. A discussion ensued.

Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

Committee Chair Jim Kvedaras reported that the Academic Affairs Committee meet on April 29, 2021 and heard several information reports, including a campus safety report by James McGee, Chief of Police, and a report from Jeff Stevenson, Curator and Director of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park and Visual Arts Gallery, on the extensive artwork collection donated to GSU by professor emeritus Art Bourgeois. Trustee Kvedaras asked David Rhea, Director of the University Honors Program, and Kayla Warner, chair of the Honors Program Student Council, to give an Honors Program report. Dr. Rhea and Ms. Warner provided their report. A discussion ensued.

Committee Chair Kvedaras asked Beth Cada, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present the Academic Affairs report. Provost Cada provided her report, including the announcement that several professors recently were promoted to full professor: Donald Culverson; David Green; Deborah James; Evelina Mengova; Kerri Morris; Josh Sopiartz; and Christopher White.

Committee Chair Kvedaras made a motion on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee to approve Resolution 21-16, award of tenure. Provost Cada presented the resolution, which awards tenure to Sayoni Bose, Marlon Cummings, Jelena Radovic Fanta, Giesela Grumbach, Li-Wei Pang, and Nicole Warmington-Granston. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Chair Kvedaras made a motion on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee to approve Resolution 21-17, which approves forwarding the Cyclical Program Review Report to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Provost Beth Cada presented the resolution. A discussion ensued. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Chair Kvedaras made a motion on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee to approve Resolution 21-18, Correction of a Clerical Error. General Counsel Nohos presented the resolution. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee

Committee Chair Angela Sebastian reported that the Budget and Finance Committee met on April 27, 2021 and heard reports on several information items and took action on three proposed resolutions. Committee Chair Sebastian noted that there were no purchases to include in the first information item, the report on purchases of \$50,000 to \$99,999.

Committee Chair Sebastian called on Dr. Paul Bylaska, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to present the budget to actual report for July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Dr. Bylaska presented the report.

Committee Chair Sebastian asked Paul Bylaska, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to present the report on refinancing of current debt service. Dr. Bylaska presented the report. A discussion ensued.

Committee Chair Sebastian asked John Potempa, Associate Vice President of Facilities Development and Management, and Dominick Demonica, of Demonica Kemper Architects, to present the report on the facilities projects and facilities master plan. Mr. Potempa and Mr. Demonica presented their report. A discussion ensued.

Committee Chair Sebastian asked Charles Pustz, Associate Vice President for Information Technology Services, to provide the Information Technology update. Mr. Pustz presented the report.

Committee Chair Sebastian asked Paul Bylaska, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to present the report on the status of the FY19 audit items. Dr. Bylaska presented the report.

Committee Chair Sebastian made a motion on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve Resolution 21-19, Approval of Preliminary FY22 Operating Budget. Sandra Zurawski, Director of Budget and Financial Planning, presented the resolution. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Chair Sebastian made a motion on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve Resolution 21-20, Approval of the Contract Renewal of an Energy Management System; Delta Building Technologies LLL in an amount not to exceed \$521,492. Paul Bylaska, Vice President of Administration and Finance, presented the resolution. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Chair Sebastian made a motion on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve Resolution 21-21, Approval of Contracts for Renovations to the Family Development Center to Chicago Heights Construction Company for \$1,471,915, and to McCauley Mechanical Contractors Inc. for \$2,025,776. Paul Bylaska, Vice President of Administration and Finance, presented the resolution. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Report of the Governance and Nominations Committee

Committee Chair Kevin Brookins reported that the Governance and Nominations Committee met on April 7, 2021 and continued discussions regarding updates to the Board's governing documents. He noted that it had been the intention of the committee to bring the restatement of the bylaws to the full board during the May 7 meeting. However, at the recommendation of General Counsel Therese King Nohos, the committee will address a few remaining matters of substance and bring the bylaws to the August Board meeting.

Committee Chair Brookins made a motion on behalf of the Governance and Nominations Committee to approve Resolution 21-22, Adoption of a Policy for Granting President Emeritus Status. Trustee Brookins presented the resolution and read the proposed policy. Trustee Kvedaras made a motion to amend the proposed policy by adding a sentence to paragraph e): "The motion will pass upon a simple majority vote." Trustee Brookins seconded. The motion to amend the proposed Policy was approved on a unanimous roll call vote. The motion to approve the amended Policy was approved on a roll call vote; Trustees Brookins, Cevallos-Candau, Harrell, Koger, Kvedaras, and Sebastian voted yes; Trustee Taboas abstained.

Report of the Human Resources Committee

Committee Chair Pedro Cevallos-Candau gave a Civil Service Merit Board report and then noted that the Human Resources Committee met on April 21, 2021 and heard a few information items. He then asked Ms. Therese King Nohos, Vice President, General Counsel and Interim Vice President of Human Resources, to update the Board on key open positions. Ms. Nohos provided the report, including notification of the use of a search firm, WittKeiffer, on the searches for Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs and Vice President of Administration and Finance. A discussion ensued.

Action Items

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve Resolution 21-23, Honoring the Service of Jeanine Latrice Koger, Student Trustee. Trustee Kvedaras motioned. Trustee Brookins seconded. Trustee Kvedaras presented and read the resolution. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve Resolution 21-24, Honoring the Service of Mark Tyler, Student Senate President. Trustee Koger motioned. Trustee Kvedaras seconded. Trustee Kvedaras presented and read the resolution. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve Resolution 21-25, Review and Possible Release of Executive Session Minutes. Trustee Brookins motioned. Trustee Koger seconded. General Counsel Nohos presented the motion, recommending that the listed executive session minutes remain confidential. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve Resolution 21-26, regarding the Pay Raise for Non-Negotiated Employees. Trustee Cevallos-Candau motioned. Trustee Taboas seconded. General Counsel Nohos presented the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Senate Reports

Dr. David Golland, Faculty Senate President

Dr. Golland provided his report to the Board.

Ms. Sheryl Jones-Harper, Civil Service Senate President

Ms. Jones-Harper provided her report to the Board.

Mr. Mark Tyler, Student Senate President

Mr. Tyler provided his report to the Board.

Trustee Anibal Taboas exited the meeting at approximately 12:25pm.

Old Business/New Business

There was no old business. In new business, President Green announced that the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park was named the Best Sculpture Park (2021) by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice awards.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm with a motion from Trustee Koger and a second from Trustee Kvedaras. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Perdue, Recording Secretary