

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of the May 8, 2015 Meeting**

Anibal Taboas, Chair

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee was called to order by Chair Anibal Taboas at 10:49 a.m. Committee members Brian Mitchell and Jeremy Joyce were present; Eileen Durkin was absent. Also in attendance were Trustees Bruce Friefeld, Jack Beaupre, Patrick Ormsby, and Lorraine Tyson.

Others present: Elaine P. Maimon, President; Deborah E. Bordelon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; David Meadows, Executive Vice President and Treasurer; Alexis Kennedy, General Counsel; Karen Kissel, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Will Davis, Vice President for Development; Aurelio Valente, Vice President for Student Affairs; Maureen Kelly, Director of Governmental and Community Relations; Rashidah J. Muhammad, Faculty Senate President; Sheryl Jones-Harper, Civil Service Senate President; Mychael Vanarsdale, Student Senate President; Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost; Ann Vendrely, Associate Provost; Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean, College of Business and Public Administration; Beth Cada, Dean, College of Health and Human Services; Andrea Evans, Dean, College of Education; Lydia Morrow-Ruetten, Dean, University Library; Randi Schneider, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management; David Golland, Faculty Senate Representative; and David Dixon, Internal Auditor.

INFORMATION ITEMS

GSU Program Accreditation Status Summary

Bordelon reported the summary is in the Board Book. She noted there were three accreditation visits of late and GSU did receive reaccreditation from the Accreditation Council for Business School Programs (ACBSP). The University is waiting for a committee decision from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). Upcoming accreditation visits include the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (ASHA), both in October.

Annual Listings Report

Bordelon stated the report is in the Board Book. It consists of minors and certificates the University plans to offer which require IBHE notification. These minors with no existing major include undergraduate Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Practical and Professional Ethics. A graduate certificate in Data Analytics has also been developed. Taboas asked if the Certificate in Data Analytics is the program that requires 150 credit hours. Bordelon responded that this certificate is only 24 hours; the 150 credit hour program is an actual degree program that will be brought before the Board for approval in the coming months.

Report on Off-Campus Sites

Bordelon reported that the University is required to notify the IBHE of any courses being offered off-campus. At GSU these are typically cohorts. They include an MA in Early Childhood Education cohort in Kankakee, an MA in Bilingual/Bicultural Education cohort in Lansing, an MA in Bilingual/Bicultural Education in Manhattan, and a BA Criminal Justice cohort in Palatine.

Termination of Naperville Lease – Effective December 2015

Bordelon pointed out the overview in the Board Book. She explained that two degree programs were offered at the Naperville center, a BA and an MA in Psychology. Unfortunately, the enrollment numbers have not been sufficient to sustain these programs. The MA program is a cohort and they will be concluding in December 2015. The BA program will be offered as a teach-out program in order to allow those students to complete their degree. Taboas asked if there were any other off-campus sites that may be closing. Bordelon explained that the other off-campus sites currently utilized take place at other schools and the Thompson Center in Chicago, and do not require the University to pay rent. Previously the Kankakee Center, which was under lease, was closed.

Update on Freshman and Sophomore Enrollment for Fall 2015

Bordelon reported that as of May 7, 2015, 815 freshman applications have been received, compared to 594 at this same time last year, an increase of 37%. GSU has admitted 309 students, compared to 257 last year at this time, up 20%, and 90 students have confirmed by placing a deposit. This is compared to 67 at this time last year, up 34%. The demographics mirror the norm previously seen with 233 females and 76 males, or 75%/25%. She explained that Enrollment Management is working hard to bring in more male students; however this is a trend seen nationwide. Student Housing currently has 144 confirmations for the fall, with 38 new freshman, 57 sophomores, one new DDP student and three returning DDP students, four new graduate students and four returning, 17 transfers and 20 returning transfer students. This number is expected to increase as admissions continue through the summer. Taboas asked at what point she would feel confident that those admitted would be captured. Bordelon responded that there should be a solid number by mid-July, and definitely by August 1. Maimon added that the

freshman class is limited to 270 students, plus or minus 30. Last year there were 242 freshmen. A waitlist will be initiated once the 300-mark is reached. At the Annual Board Retreat in August, the Administration will give a full presentation on what was learned from the first year of freshmen and housing as well as figures on the freshman class of 2019.

Taboas asked President Maimon if she had any further comments. Maimon stated she is very pleased with Dean Aurelio Valente and his team and all the hard work they have been doing this year. Reorganization of the staff has been very beneficial. This year there were 10 students competing for Presidential Scholarships (compared to zero last year), and two were awarded, and those students have confirmed their enrollment. Three students were awarded Merit Scholarships and have confirmed their enrollment as well. Dr. Randi Schneider has been doing a wonderful job overseeing all these activities. It is clear the University is actively recruiting students with high academic achievement in high school and credit is due to Drs. Valente and Schneider, and their staffs.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2015

Taboas requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2015 Committee meeting. Joyce made a motion. Mitchell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 15-31: Approval to Move the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program and the Nonprofit Social Entrepreneurship Concentration of the Interdisciplinary Leadership Ed.D. program from the College of Business and Public Administration to the College of Arts and Sciences

Taboas requested a motion to approve Resolution 15-31. Mitchell made a motion. Joyce seconded. Bordelon explained that after looking carefully at synergies and efficiencies across the University moving these programs to the College of Arts and Sciences will enhance further collaboration. She pointed out that the MPA program and Criminal and Justice Studies have been working very closely together, with faculty teaching across the two programs, and therefore it is a prudent move. Bordelon stated it is very important to note that the University values the accreditation of the MPA program and that this move will support the faculty in this program. The proposed move has been brought before faculty in both Colleges and has been well received. The move will take effect August 1, 2015. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote for adoption and placement on the Consent Agenda.

Resolution 15-32: Approval of Name Change of the College and Divisions in the College of Business and Public Administration

Taboas requested a motion to approve Resolution 15-32. Mitchell made a motion. Joyce seconded. Bordelon explained this action is necessary as a result of moving the Master of Public

Administration program from CBPA to CAS. There were no questions. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote for adoption and placement on the Consent Agenda.

Resolution 15-33: Approval of Request for New Unit of Instruction (RNUI) – 2+2+1 Program in Health Informatics

Taboas requested a motion to approve Resolution 15-33. Joyce made a motion. Mitchell seconded. Bordelon related that this program came about from a lot of collaboration across the Colleges and was, in part, influenced by the Affordable Care Act. The bachelor's and master's program consists of 120 credits of undergraduate courses and 36 hours of graduate courses. It will allow graduates to enter the healthcare workforce very well prepared for this high-demand field. Taboas questioned whether the curriculum was a fixed course, and how many electives were allowed. Bordelon responded that the program follows a fixed path, but that 18 credit hours in electives are included. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote for adoption and placement on the Consent Agenda.

Resolution 15-34: Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates

Taboas requested a motion to approve Resolution 15-34. Joyce made a motion. Mitchell seconded. Bordelon briefly discussed the five candidates. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote for adoption and placement on the Consent Agenda.

Resolution 15-35: Approval of AY2014-2015 Program Review Report to the Illinois Board of Higher Education

Bordelon gave a brief explanation of the cyclical review process of programs and submission to the IBHE, which includes an internal committee comprised of faculty within the Faculty Senate as well as external evaluators. All programs reviewed in this academic year are in good standing and include the MS in Analytical Chemistry, the BA in Anthropology and Sociology, the BS in Chemistry with Secondary Teacher Education Concentration, the BA in Communication, the BS in Information Technology, the BA in Mathematics with Secondary Teacher Education Concentration, the MS in Mathematics, and the BA in Social Sciences. Taboas thanked Bordelon for her quick response to his inquiry about the Analytical Chemistry program, pointing out that it appears compliance is quite important. He went on to ask if everyone owns these programs or is there a person whose primary function it is to monitor these programs. Bordelon responded that there are two Faculty Senate committees, the Academic Program Review Committee and the Academic Curriculum Review Committee, which monitor all programs in conjunction with Associate Provost Colleen Sexton. She added that the Director of Institutional Research also is a key person in providing data necessary to monitor the programs systematically. Taboas requested a motion to approve Resolution 15-35. Mitchell made a motion. Joyce seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote for adoption and placement on the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Dieringer, community member

Mr. Dieringer had the following comments: I've been here for several years and actually worked here in the College of Business for a few years. Today we have an interesting agenda. Two years ago I brought up some issues to the University in the area of healthcare advocacy. You come close with the Informatics Program. We have to sift through finding the right kind of healthcare for our residents. There are over 5000 positions in healthcare advocacy in the U.S. The University of Rochester and the University of Wisconsin-Madison have such programs, and there is one in Miami. I would like you to consider such a program at GSU, which would provide more job opportunities in the South Suburbs. Regarding the Naperville site, I'm a graduate of Northern Illinois University and have been to Naperville a lot, and I see a territorial issue there with NIU. I don't think GSU needs to branch into that geographical area. Library services are not available to all in the South Suburbs. Even on campus the library services are restricted with regard to the general public. I think we are going in the right direction, but we need library services to be more available to the public. I think you should consider merging the Educational Administration and Public Administration programs. Thank you.

Elise Zieman, community member

Ms. Zieman had the following comments: John Mendelson passed away in November. He was a leading force here at the University in the past, a forest preserve advocate, and studied and worked on the grounds at Thorn Creek. A ceremony was held for him at Thorn Creek in April and I'm wondering if a memorial will be held at GSU. The GSU grounds are beautiful and I very much enjoy them. Kathy Dean is the person who installed the bird boxes and I wonder who will take over maintenance of the bird houses. Thank you.

Chair Taboas requested a motion to adjourn. Mitchell made a motion. Joyce seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Johns Maloney