

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY SENATE RETREATS**

Minutes of the October 3, 2014 Meetings

Brian D. Mitchell, Chair

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees met with the Civil Service Senate, the Student Senate, and the Faculty Senate on Friday, October 3, 2014 in Engbretson Hall and the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University. The meeting was called to order at 8:58 a.m. by Chair Brian D. Mitchell. Board members Eileen Durkin, Bruce N. Friefeld, Jack Beaupre, Patrick Ormsby, Anibal Taboas, and Jeremy Joyce were in attendance. Trustee Lorraine Tyson was absent.

Others present from the Administration: Elaine P. Maimon, President; Deborah E. Bordelon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Gebeyehu Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff; and Alexis Kennedy, General Counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for Public Comment.

Civil Service Senate

Sheryl Jones-Harper, President

Joyce Coleman, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Diversity, was also present. The Board of Trustees and the Civil Service Senate members present exchanged welcomes and introductions. Topics discussed included training and professional development, supervisor training, salary lines for Civil Service employees, the need for more public safety officers, and the possible addition of a suggestion box. No final action was taken. The Board recessed at 10:01 a.m.

Student Senate

Lisa Wallace, President

The meeting resumed at 11:47 a.m. Aurelio Valente, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, was also present. The Board of Trustees and the Student Senate members present exchanged welcomes and introductions. Topics discussed included retention, efforts to engage students in university life, student organizations, funding for student initiatives, student success initiatives, and student housing. No final action was taken. The Board recessed at 12:41 p.m.

Faculty Senate

Rashidah J. Muhammad, President

The meeting resumed at 1:24 p.m. The Board of Trustees and the Faculty Senate members present exchanged welcomes and introductions. Topics discussed included the need for additional faculty to instruct freshmen and transfer students, the faculty's experiences with GSU's first freshman class, the needs of their students, the need for increased marketing efforts of graduate programs, increased expectations for tenure and promotion, the evaluation process to move from one level to the next, assignment of duties (AODs), release time, access to contribute information to the GSU website, institutional support for conference presentations, and a proposal for an ex-officio representative from the Senate to be seated on the Board of Trustees. No final action was taken.

There being no further discussion Mitchell requested a motion to adjourn. Taboas made a motion. Ormsby seconded. The Board of Trustees Senate Retreat meetings adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Johns Maloney