

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the February 27, 2015 Meeting**

**Anibal Taboas, Chair**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met on Friday, February 27, 2015 in Engbretson Hall at Governors State University. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Committee Chair Anibal Taboas. Also in attendance were Committee members Eileen Durkin, Brian D. Mitchell, and Jeremy Joyce, and 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; Alexis Kennedy, General Counsel; Karen Kissel, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Will Davis, Vice President for Development; Maureen Kelly, Director of Governmental and Community Relations; Aurelio Valente, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs; Rashidah J. Muhammad, Faculty Senate President; LaTonia Richmond, Civil Service Senate Vice President; Lisa Wallace, Student Senate President; Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost; Ann Vendrely, Associate Provost; Reinhold Hill, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean, College of Business and Public Administration; Beth Cada, Dean, College of Health and Human Services; Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean, University Library; Joyce Coleman, Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Diversity; Pulchratia Kinney-Smith, Director of Human Resources Operations; David Golland, Faculty Senate Representative; and David Dixon, Internal Auditor.

**STUDY SESSION ON ENROLLMENT AND ADMISSIONS**

Bordelon introduced Aurelio Valente, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, Randi Schneider, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, and Marco Krcatovich, Director of Institutional Research. They provided a Power Point presentation titled "Why GSU is Bucking the Trend and Growing Enrollment." According to Noel-Levitz there are five enrollment megatrends facing the nation, 1) enrollment growth will slow; 2) demographic shifts; 3) changing economic models; 4) retention and completion pressures will intensify; and 5) managing new learning modalities. GSU is responding to these megatrends by 1) identifying new markets; 2) understanding regional implications of enrollment trends; 3) maintaining a vigorous commitment to GSU's value proposition by minimizing tuition increases; 4) developing robust academic recovery programs; and 5) increasing online and hybrid courses coupled with support

for both instruction and learning. Krcatovich pointed out there is a projected decrease in the number of available high school graduates while there is a projected increase in Latino/a students. Schneider reiterated the importance of strategic enrollment practices, and introduced Jonathan Lee, Director of International Services and Yakeea Daniels, Associate Vice President of Enrollment and Admissions. Valente added the University is approaching this work very precisely; however it is also about individuals. He introduced Kevin Green, a freshman who otherwise would not be enrolled in college were it not for the opportunities GSU continues to offer the people of its region.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **GSU Program Accreditation Status Summary – February 2015**

Bordelon reported that this past semester the University had an accreditation visit to evaluate the Social Work program. She said the exit interview went very well and the accreditors were very complementary. The final report should be received in June. Bordelon congratulated the faculty of the Social Work program, Division Chair Dr. Gerry Outlaw, and Dean Beth Cada. On March 1-4, 2015 GSU will have a visit by the accreditation council for business school programs. She thanked the business department faculty, Dean Foster Curtis and Division Chairs Dr. David Green and Dr. Jun Zhao for their hard work preparing for the visit. Taboas asked if the chemistry program was in full compliance with regard to faculty. Bordelon responded that a faculty member was hired and GSU is in full compliance with faculty and lab space.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2014**

Taboas noted that the minutes were amended prior to the meeting to reflect that Professor David Golland was in attendance at the December 5, 2014 meeting. He requested a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5 meeting. Durkin made a motion. Mitchell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### ***Resolution 15—25: Award of Emeritus Status***

Taboas requested a motion to approve Resolution 15-25. Durkin made a motion. Mitchell seconded. Bordelon explained that two candidates are being brought forward for emeritus status, Dr. Paul Keys and Dr. Sandra Mayfield. Dr. Keys served GSU for 14 years, seven as Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs and seven as Professor of Social Work. He provided leadership for a new concentration for the masters of Social Work program in Leadership and Management. Dr. Mayfield began her career at GSU in 1996 and served in many capacities during her tenure: Professor of Communication Disorders; Program Director of Communication Disorders; Interim Division Chair of Nursing and Health Sciences; Interim Dean, College of Health Professions; Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Chair of the Department of

Communication Disorders; Assistant Provost; and Associate Provost. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Taboas commented that he is pleased that the emeritus status is not only a title, but includes continued engagement with the University.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **Charles Dieringer, community member**

Mr. Dieringer made the following remarks: We have several communities around here very much in need of a community policing program. We've paid out millions of dollars in Cook County for people being incarcerated wrongly. I'm trying to help people in Ford Heights. They do not have library services. I'm not asking you to solve this problem, but to bring it before you. WiFi can provide service throughout this whole district and you have spent \$2.5M on improving your WiFi. I think this is integral to solving the problems of the south suburbs.

Taboas requested a motion to adjourn. Durkin made a motion. Mitchell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Johns Maloney