

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Minutes of the Thursday, September 12, 2019 Meeting  
(Minutes approved and released at 11-15-19 Board of Trustees Meeting)**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Governors State University Board of Trustees meeting for Thursday, September 12, 2019 was called to order by Chair Lisa Harrell at 8:32am. Roll call was taken and Trustees Kevin Brookins, John Brudnak, Pedro Cevallos-Candau, Lisa Harrell, Angela Hickey, Jim Kvedaras, Lester Van Moody, and Anibal Taboas were in attendance.

Also in attendance:

Elaine P. Maimon, President

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

W. Paul Bylaska, Vice President for Administration and Finance

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

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

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

David Golland, Faculty Senate President

Kristiana Russell, Student Senate President

Sheryl Jones-Harper, Civil Service Senate President

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

Yakeea Beaver, Director of Enrollment Management Technology

Mark Bennett, Laner Muchin, Ltd.

Paul Blobaum, Faculty, University Library

Kim Boland-Prom, Faculty, College of Education

Nancy Burley, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services

Karen Caesar, Director, Office of Special Events

Darcie Campos, Assistant Vice President of Career Services

Cynthia Carr, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services

Mujahid Choudhary, Director of Auxiliary Services and Housing

Shirley Comer, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services

David Conrad, Faculty, College of Education

Nichole Dalaly, Academic Advisor, Undergrad Academic Advising Center

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

Sondra Estep, President of GSU UPI Chapter 4100

Kristoffer Evangelista, Chief Internal Auditor

Lydia Falconnier, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services

Anne Gill, Interim Associate Vice President for Human Resources

Crystal Harris, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

Michael Hart, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

Walter Henne, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

Sarah Hirsch, Project Manager, Advertising and Marketing, Marketing and Communications

Stephen R. Hyzny, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences  
Rosemary Johnsen, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Carla Johnson, Academic Advisor, Senior Status, College of Education  
Kara Johnson, Director, International Services  
Freddie Kato, Jr., Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences  
Joseph Kearns, IT Technical Associate  
William Kelley, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences  
Maureen Kelly, Director of Governmental and Community Relations  
Jeannine Klomes, Faculty, College of Education  
Paula McMullen, Academic Advisor, Senior Status, College of Arts and Sciences  
Andrae Marak, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and Dean, Graduate Studies  
James McGee, Director of Public Safety  
Paul McGuinness, Assistant VP for Enrollment Management and Dir. of Admissions  
Susie Morris, Office Manager, Student Affairs  
Chastinee Nelson, Academic Advisor, Undergrad Academic Advising Center  
Ravi Nigam, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services  
Kerri O'Shea, Academic Advisor, Undergrad Academic Advising Center  
Milan Panic, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences  
Timothy Pedigo, Faculty, College of Education  
John Perry, Director of Financial Aid  
John Potempa, Associate VP for Facilities Development and Management  
David Rhea, Director, Center for the Junior Year  
Lana Rogachevskaya, Executive Director, Center for Performing Arts  
Joao Salm, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences  
Patrick Santoro, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences  
Peggy Schiesher, Building Service Supervisor, Facilities Development and Management  
Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Xiaobo She, Faculty, College of Education  
Hugo Solano, Director of Application Development, ITS  
Ivan Soto, Academic Advisor, Academic Advising Center  
Tracy Sullivan, Assistant Vice President of Procurement  
Georgianna Thomas, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services  
J. Christopher Tweddle, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences  
Aurélio Valente, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management  
Stephen Wagner, Faculty, College of Business  
Ellie Walsh, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences  
Ting Jie (TJ) Wang, Faculty, College of Business  
Corey Williams, Associate VP for Student Affairs & Dean of Students  
Bruce Wilson, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences  
Barbara Winicki, Faculty, College of Education  
Jun Zhao, Dean, College of Business  
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, William Kresse, Rashidah Muhammad, Lara Stache

## **Chair Remarks**

Chair Harrell provided her remarks to the Board. She thanked Joan Johns Maloney for her past service to the Board as its Recording Secretary.

## **Public Comment**

*Rashidah Muhammad*, Full Professor, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Muhammad presented the Board with postcards, signed by GSU faculty, staff, students and community members, indicating their support for a fair and equitable contract.

*Sondra Estep*, Associate Professor, College of Education and President, UPI Chapter 4100

Dr. Estep provided her report and outlined a list of requests from the UPI.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve the open minutes and executive session minutes of the August 16, 2019 special board meeting and to keep the executive session minutes closed pursuant to the recommendation of counsel. Cevallos-Candau motioned. Brookins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve the open minutes and executive session minutes of the August 27, 2019 special board meeting and to keep the executive session minutes closed pursuant to the recommendation of counsel. Brookins motioned. Hickey seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve the open minutes and executive session minutes of the August 30, 2019 board meeting and to keep the executive session minutes closed pursuant to the recommendation of counsel. Kvedaras motioned. Hickey seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **Information Items**

### **Fall 2019 Enrollment Report**

Aurélio Valente, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, provided the report to the Board. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

### **Report on Purchases \$50,000-\$99,999 for the period August 11, 2019 through September 1, 2019**

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

### **Update on Capital and Deferred Maintenance Projects**

Paul Bylaska provided the report to the Board. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

### **Report on FY18 Audit Findings**

Paul Bylaska provided the report to the Board. Trustee Hickey stated she is looking forward to learning more of the details regarding the audit findings, particularly the repeat audit findings and the University's plan to remediate such findings, during the Budget and Finance Committee meetings. She also asked that Bylaska report back to the Board about the Legislative Audit Commission committee meeting regarding the FY18 audit findings.

### **Action Items**

#### **Approval of 2019 and 2020 Proposed Meeting Dates**

Chair Harrell requested a motion to approve the 2019 and 2020 Proposed Meeting Dates. Brookins motioned. Hickey seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Resolution 20-14: *Approval of Contract for Customer Relationship Management System***

Chair Harrell requested a motion to approve Resolution 20-14. Kvedaras motioned. Brudnak seconded. Chair Harrell asked Bylaska to present the resolution. Bylaska explained that this customer relationship management system provides a 21<sup>st</sup> century approach to engaging students. Paul McGuinness, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Director of Admissions, further explained that this system will add capabilities not currently available and will provide a more robust experience for students. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Resolution 20-15: *Approval of Contract Extension for Touchnet***

Chair Harrell requested a motion to approve Resolution 20-15. Hickey motioned. Kvedaras seconded. Chair Harrell asked Bylaska to present the resolution. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **President's Report**

President Maimon provided her report to the Board. She stated that she has notified the Board that she is not seeking a renewal of her contract, which will expire on June 30, 2020.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Harrell recognized Dr. Maimon for her many years of service to Governor's State University. She reported that the Board will form an inclusive executive search committee that reflects the diverse backgrounds and interests of the GSU community. The Board will work to ensure a seamless transition.

### **Legal Update/Executive Session**

Chair Harrell requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:10am pursuant to Section 2(c)(1), (2)(c)(2) and 2(c)(11) to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining matters and pending litigation. Kvedaras motioned. Hickey seconded. Roll call was taken and Brookins, Brudnak, Cevallos-Candau, Harrell, Hickey, Kvedaras, Moody, and Taboas approved. Interim General Counsel Burns and Boeckman, along with Mark Bennett, President Maimon, Provost

Cada, and VP Bylaska remained in Executive Session. Bennett, Maimon, Cada, and Bylaska left the Executive Session at 10:49am. At 11:10am Chair Harrell left the meeting, turning over the leadership of the meeting to Vice Chair Brookins.

Trustee Taboas motioned that the board come out of Executive Session. Trustee Kvedaras seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. with a motion from Trustee Kvedaras and a second from Trustee Hickey. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Perdue  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED, 11-15-19 BOT Meeting