

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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at 9-18-20
Board
meeting

Minutes of the Friday, May 15, 2020 Board Meeting

Note: As permitted by Illinois Governor Executive Order number 2020-33, dated April 30, 2020, the May 15, 2020 Special Board Meeting was held via Zoom.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Governors State University Board of Trustees meeting for Friday, May 15, 2020 was called to order by Chair Lisa Harrell at 10:05am. Roll call was taken and Trustees Kevin Brookins, John Brudnak, Pedro Cevallos-Candau, Lisa Harrell, Jim Kvedaras, Lester Van Moody, Angela Sebastian, and Anibal Taboas were in attendance.

Also in attendance:

Elaine P. Maimon, President
Mary Pat Burns, Interim General Counsel, Burke Burns & Pinelli, Ltd.
W. Paul Bylaska, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Elizabeth A. Cada, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
David Golland, Faculty Senate President
Sheryl Jones-Harper, Civil Service Senate President
Penny Perdue, Chief of Administrative Operations and Liaison to the Board
Sanat Ranganathan, VP and General Counsel
Kristiana Russell, Student Senate President

Amanda Athon, Faculty, 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
Tony Bates, Athletic Director
Karen Caesar, Director, Office of Special Events
Hollie Campbell, Assistant to AVP of Enrollment Management
Mujahid Choudhary, Director of Auxiliary Services and Housing
Vickii Coffey, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services
Will Davis, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and CEO of the GSU Foundation
Jose De La Paz, Associate Director, Human Resources
Alexandria Dolezal, Marketing and Communications
Kristoffer Evangelista, Chief Internal Auditor
Bruce Friefeld, Former Trustee, Chair of the Board
Anne Gill, Interim Associate Vice President for Human Resources
Cheryl Green, Incoming GSU President
David Green, Chair, College of Business
Brenda Hannigan, Administrative Assistant to VP of Administration and Finance
Walter Henne, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

Sarah Hirsch, Project Manager, Advertising and Marketing, Marketing and Communications
Isabella Hollingsworth, Marketing and Communications
Michael Horvath, IT Manager/Administrative Coordinator, ITS
Kristina Houston, Deputy Director, HR
Rashidah Muhammad, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences
Rosemary Johnsen, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs
Carolyn Johnson, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator
Joseph Kearns, Technical Associate, ITS
Maureen Kelly, Director of Governmental and Community Relations
Marco Krcatovich, Director, Institutional Research and Effectiveness
Andrae Marak, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Sandra Marak, Director of Human Resource Service/Title IX Coordinator
James McGee, Director of Public Safety
Paul McGuinness, Assistant VP for Enrollment Management and Dir. of Admissions
Paula McMullen, Academic Advisor, Senior Status, College of Arts and Sciences
Heather Penn, Chief Broadcasting Engineer, DLMD
John Potempa, Associate VP for Facilities Development and Management
Chuck Pustz, AVP for Information Technology
David Rhea, Director, Center for the Junior Year
Cynthia Romanowski, Faculty, University Library
Alexis Sarkisian, Special Projects Manager, University Library
Lisé Schneider, Director of Admissions
Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs
Hugo Solano, Director, Application Development, ITS
Tracy Sullivan, Assistant Vice President of Procurement
J. Christopher Tweddle, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences
Mark Tyler, Incoming Student Senate President
Jason Vignone, Director, Graduate Admissions and Retention
Haley Walsh, Editorial Assistant, Marketing and Communications
Michael Williams, Faculty, College of Business
Corey Williams, Associate VP for Student Affairs & Dean of Students
Fred Yantes, Budget Analyst III, Budget and Financial Planning
Jun Zhao, Dean, College of Business
Jason Zingsheim, Chair, College of Arts and Sciences
Sandra Zurawski, Director of Budget and Financial Planning

The following Faculty Senate Representatives were in attendance: Carlos Ferran, Giesela Grumbach, William Kresse, Rashidah Muhammad, Lara Stache, Chelsea Vanderpool, and Catherine Tymkow

In addition, several members of the general public were in attendance.

Public Comment

Bruce Friefeld, Former Chair of the Board and GSU Trustee (1996-2019) – Mr. Friefeld provided his remarks, thanking Dr. Maimon on a job well done and a vision achieved and noting

that because of her leadership GSU is a quality regional four-year university serving a smart, unique, diverse and exceptional student body.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve the open minutes and executive session minutes of the January 27, 2020, February 14, 2020, April 17, 2020 and April 22, 2020 board meetings and to keep the executive session minutes closed pursuant to the recommendation of counsel. Sebastian motioned. Brookins seconded. Trustee Sebastian asked that the April 22 minutes be changed to reflect an ending time of 1:14pm, not 1:14am. With that change noted, the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Report of Budget and Finance Committee Chair

Committee Chair Sebastian reported that the committee met just prior to the board meeting and approved a number of resolutions to be forwarded to the full board meeting.

Chair Sebastian motioned on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve Resolution 20-42, Consideration and Possible Approval of the Preliminary Operating Budget for FY21. Trustee Brookins seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sebastian motioned on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve Resolution 20-43, Consideration and Possible Approval of the Contract for Television Services at Student Housing. Trustee Brookins seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sebastian motioned on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve Resolution 20-44, Consideration and Possible Approval of the Contract for ERP (enterprise resource planning) Maintenance. Trustee Kvedaras seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sebastian motioned on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve Resolution 20-45, Consideration and Possible Approval of the Contract for Software Used to Administer Clinical Education for the College of Health Services. Trustee Kvedaras seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sebastian motioned on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve Resolution 20-46, Consideration and Possible Approval of the Professional Services Contract for Operation of the On-campus Health Clinic. Trustee Brookins seconded. Discussion ensued. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sebastian motioned on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve Resolution 20-47, Consideration and Possible Approval of the Contract with an Architectural Firm for Facilities Master Planning. Trustee Brookins seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Report of Human Resources Committee Chair

Chair Cevallos-Candau, reported that the Committee met on April 30, 2020 and approved a slate of nine tenure candidates to be forwarded to the full board.

Chair Cevallos-Candau motioned on behalf of the Human Resources Committee to approve Resolution 20-41, Consideration and Possible Approval of Tenure as of August 16, 2020. Trustee Sebastian seconded. Provost Cada provided the trustees with information about each tenure candidate: Amanda Athon, Alli Cipra, Erin Grey-Avis, Katy Hisrich, Megan McCaffrey, Cynthia Romanowski, K. G. Sanjaya Ranmohotti, Lara Stache, and Chelsea Vanderpool. On a roll call vote, with the abstention of Trustee Moody, the motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

COVID-19 Update

President Maimon and Paul Bylaska provided a COVID-19 update to the Board, also noting that the Board has been kept informed via emails from Dr. Maimon as the situation has continued to unfold. Discussion ensued.

Report on Budget to Actual

Paul Bylaska called the Board's attention to the Report on Budget to Actual, which was provided in the board book. There were no questions.

Update on Compliance Audit Report

Paul Bylaska provided the Board with an update on the recently released Compliance Audit Report. Discussion ensued.

Update on Debt Refinancing

Paul Bylaska called the Board's attention to the update on debt refinancing, which was provided in the board book. There was no discussion.

Report on Purchases \$50,000 - \$99,999 for the Period February 5 through April 19, 2020.

Paul Bylaska called the Board's attention to the Report on Purchases \$50,000 - \$99,999, which was provided in the board book. There were no questions.

Senate Reports

Dr. David Golland, Faculty Senate President

Dr. Golland provided his Report to the Board. He noted that the Senate recently held its last meeting of the academic year and listed several of the activities the Senate members have undertaken this year, including: preparation for the HLC visit, adaption of Senate work to on-line due to the Coronavirus, approval of 14 policy amendments, and the work of the Academic Review Committee in light of the move to remote learning. He congratulated the tenure recipients.

Ms. Sheryl Jones-Harper, Civil Service Senate President

Ms. Jones-Harper provided her report to the Board. She reported that as Senate President she served on PBAC and the Presidential Search Committee. She applauded the recent efforts of the ERT (emergency response team) and GSU administration and welcomed Dr. Green to GSU.

Ms. Kristiana Russell, Student Senate President

Ms. Russell provided her report to the Board. She thanked the Board for being so welcoming and noted that this role has provided her with opportunities that have been life changing. She introduced Mark Tyler, the incoming Student Senate President.

Mark Tyler provided the Student Senate report to the Board. He thanked Ms. Russell for her service and stated he was looking forward to working with Dr. Green. He outlined three initiatives for his time as president: increase awareness of GSU's diversity on campus; assist with diversity efforts on campus, such as increasing campus handicap access; and, continue student involvement in politics and in GSU policy development.

President's Report

President Maimon provided her report to the Board. She began by noting that tomorrow should have been GSU commencement ceremony, a time of beginnings not endings. She remarked that when she assumed the leadership in 2007, GSU had a proud history of serving students – of color, adults, first generation, and veterans – overlooked by other universities and now those same students are in the national student majority. The trustees told her then they wanted a change agent and that is what she was, and continues to be.

She added that she has spent the last 13 years working with trustees, students, faculty, and staff to achieve quality, inclusion, and educational reform goals. Dr. Maimon listed some of the highlights of her tenure, including: establishing PBAC; the formation of the Dual Degree Program; launching five doctoral programs; creating a full-service university; sustaining quality and student service through the Illinois budget impasse; and, serving students through a pandemic. President Maimon concluded her report by thanking all assembled today and welcoming Dr. Green to GSU.

Old Business/New Business

There being no old business, Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve Resolution 20-49, Honoring the Service of Kristiana Russell. Sebastian motioned. Kvedaras seconded. Secretary Kvedaras read the resolution and the motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote. Ms. Russell accepted the congratulations of the trustees.

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve Resolution 20-50, Honoring the Service of Lester Van Moody. Trustee Kvedaras motioned. Trustee Cevallos-Candau seconded. Secretary Kvedaras read the resolution and with the abstention of Trustee Moody the motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote. Trustee Moody accepted the congratulations of his fellow trustees.

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to approve Resolution 20-51, Honoring the Service of Governors State University's Fifth President, Dr. Elaine P. Maimon. Cevallos-Candau motioned. Trustee Brookins seconded. Kvedaras read the resolution and the motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote. President Maimon accepted the thanks and congratulations of the trustees.

Chair Harrell took a moment to thank the Presidential Search Committee for their work and then asked for a motion to approve Resolution 20-48, Consideration and Selection of GSU's Sixth President and Approval of Presidential Contract. Trustee Taboas motioned. Trustee Kvedaras seconded. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote. Chair Harrell welcomed Dr. Cheryl Green to GSU. Dr. Green offered her thanks and appreciation to the Board and GSU community.

Legal Update/Executive Session

Chair Harrell requested a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) to discuss personnel matters. Trustee Brookins motioned. Trustee Sebastian seconded. Roll call was taken and Brookins, Cevallos-Candau, Harrell, Kvedaras, Moody, Sebastian, and Taboas approved (Brudnak left the meeting prior to the vote). The Board moved into executive session at 12:20pm.

At approximately 1:25 pm Trustee Kvedaras motioned that the Board return from executive session. Trustee Taboas seconded and the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The Board returned to open session at approximately 1:28pm. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm with a motion from Trustee Sebastian and a second from Trustee Cevallos-Candau. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Perdue
Recording Secretary