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**Academic Affairs Committee
Minutes of the Monday, February 1, 2021 Meeting**

Note: As permitted by Illinois Governor Executive Order Number 2021-01, dated January 8, 2021, the February 3, 2021 Academic Affairs Committee meeting was held via Zoom.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The video conference meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the GSU Board of Trustees for Monday, February 1, 2021 was called to order by Chair Kvedaras at 8:05 a.m. Roll call was taken and committee members Jim Kvedaras and Anibal Taboas were in attendance. Committee member John Brudnak joined the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

Also in attendance:

Cheryl Green, President

W. Paul Bylaska, Vice President for Administration and Finance

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

Therese King Nohos, Vice President and General Counsel

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

Catherine Balthazar, Dean, College of Health and Human Services

Zion Banks, Senior Writer, Marketing and Communications

Theresa Booker, Telecommunications Engineer, Information Technology Services

Will Davis, Vice President Institutional Advancement and Marketing and Communications

Shannon Dermer, Dean, College of Education

David Golland, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty Senate President

Kelly Grab, Director of Community Standards and Student Advocacy

Giesela Grumbach, Faculty, College of Health and Human Services, Faculty Senate

Representative

Rosemary Johnsen, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

Blaise Lukasiewicz, Documentation and Training Specialist, Information Technology Services

Andrae Marak, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Paul McGuinness, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Director of Admissions

Heather Penn, Chief Broadcasting Engineer, Digital Learning and Media Design

Chuck Pustz, Associate Vice President for Information Technology

Alexis Sarkisian, Program Director, Marketing & Special Events, University Library

Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

Freddy Tung, Director of Counseling and Wellness

Catherine Tymkow, Faculty, CHHS, Faculty Senate Representative

Corey Williams, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

Jun Zhao, Dean, College of Business

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

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Chair Kvedaras asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2020 meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee. Trustee Taboas motioned. Trustee Kvedaras seconded. The minutes were approved via a unanimous roll call vote of the two trustees in attendance.

Information Items

Chair Kvedaras asked Beth Cada, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Paul Bylaska, Vice President for Finance and Administration, to present a COVID-19 update. Cada and Bylaska presented. Discussion ensued.

Chair Kvedaras asked Paul McGuinness, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Director of Admissions, and Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present on the topic of reverse transfer of credit from GSU to community colleges so that students may be awarded a credential by their community college. McGuinness and Sexton presented. Discussion ensued.

Chair Kvedaras asked Corey Williams, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Kelly Grab, Director of Community Standards and Student Advocacy, and Freddy Tung, Director of Counseling and Wellness to present an update on various student support services. Williams presented a GEER Grants Update. Grab presented a Student Support Services report. Tung presented an update on Student Support Services. Discussion ensued.

Chair Kvedaras asked Beth Cada, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present the Accreditation Report. Cada presented, including the announcement that HLC, GSU's regional accreditor, recently approved GSU's first Ph.D. program (in Counselor Education and Supervision). Discussion ensued.

Action Item

Chair Kvedaras asked for a motion to approve resolution 21-7, consideration and possible recommendation to approve professor emeritus status. Trustee Taboas motioned. Trustee Brudnak seconded. Provost Elizabeth Cada presented the recommendation to grant Dr. Jane Rhodes Hudak professor emeritus status. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote of the three trustees present, and the resolution will be recommended to the full board.

There being no old or new business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m. with a motion from Trustee Brudnak and a second from Trustee Taboas. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Perdue
Recording Secretary