

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**Governance and Nominations Committee  
Minutes of the Monday, December 7, 2020 Meeting**

*Note: As permitted by Illinois Governor Executive Order Number 2020-71, dated November 13, 2020, the December 8, 2020 Human Resources Committee meeting was held via Zoom.*

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The video conference meeting of the Governance and Nominations Committee of the GSU Board of Trustees for Monday, December 7, 2020 was called to order by Chair Kevin Brookins at 8:03am. Roll call was taken. Committee Members Kevin Brookins, Janine Latrice Koger, Angela Sebastian, and Anibal Taboas were in attendance. Trustee Jim Kvedaras was also present.

Also in attendance:

Cheryl Green, President

Sarah Boeckman, 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

Therese King Nohos, Vice President, General Counsel

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

Theresa Booker, Telecommunications Engineer, Information Technology Services

Marlon Cummings, Faculty, College of Education, Faculty Senate Representative

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

Richard Enyard, Vice President, Human Resources

Kristoffer Evangelista, Chief Internal Auditor

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

Brenda Hannigan, Administrative Assistant to VP for Administration and Finance

Sheryl Jones Harper, Account Technician II, Financial Services, President, Civil Service Senate

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

Maureen Kelly, Director of Government and Community Relations

Blaise Lukasiewicz, Documentation/Training Specialist, Information Technology Services

Andrae Marak, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Rashidah Muhammad, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty Senate Representative

Chuck Pustz, Associate Vice President for Information Technology Services

Alexis Sarkisian, Special Projects Manager, University Library

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

Josh Sopiartz, Associate Professor, University Library

Members of the general public were also in attendance.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Brookins asked for a motion to approve the open session minutes of the September 17, 2020 Governance and Nominations Committee meeting, noting that there was no executive session on that date. Trustee Taboas motioned. Trustee Koger seconded. The minutes were approved via a unanimous voice vote.

### **Information Items**

Chair Brookins introduced the first information item: Review of the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations. Therese King Nohos provided a report regarding information outlined in statute or GSU governance documents for undertaking such a review and the practices of other universities. Discussion ensued. Chair Brookins noted that the Committee would defer action on this item and requested that President Green, or her designee, prepare recommendations for the Committee's consideration regarding how the Board should review its Bylaws, Policies and Regulations.

Chair Brookins introduced the second information item: Review of Board Meeting Protocols. Sarah Boeckman provided a report regarding protocols outlined in statute or GSU governance documents regarding participation of shared governance campus groups and the practices of other Illinois universities. Discussion ensued. Chair Brookins noted that the Committee would defer action on this item and requested that President Green, or her designee, prepare a recommendation for meeting protocols.

Chair Brookins introduced the third information item: Criteria for Presidential Emeritus Status. Sarah Boeckman provided a report regarding criteria or policy outlined in statute or GSU governance documents regarding the awarding of president emeritus status and the practices of other Illinois universities. Discussion ensued. Chair Brookins noted that the Committee would defer action on this item and requested that President Green, or her designee, prepare recommendations regarding a policy for awarding president emeritus status.

Chair Brookins called upon the Faculty Senate Representatives to the Committee for remarks. Rashidah Muhammad reiterated that a thorough review of the Board's Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations was needed. She also noted that presidential emeritus status is different from faculty emeritus status. Marlon Cummins remarked that he felt a review of policies can be done expeditiously.

There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11am with a motion from Trustee Taboas and a second from Trustee Sebastian. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Perdue  
Recording Secretary

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