

**MINUTES OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
REGULAR MEETING**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Governors State University (the “Board” and “GSU,” respectively), an Illinois body politic and corporate, was held in person and via audio-videoconference at GSU’s University Park Campus in Engbretson Hall on February 6, 2023 beginning at approximately 9:00 am. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the business described in the Agenda posted for public notice before 9:00 am on February 1, 2022 in accordance with Section 120/2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/2.02. Before the meeting, each Trustee received a book with materials corresponding to action and discussion items, a copy of which is maintained with the Board records.

I. MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Chair Pro Tem: James Kvedaras

Minutes Recorded By: Therese King Nohos, General Counsel, on behalf of James Kvedaras, Secretary

II. ATTENDEES

Chair Pro Tem Kvedaras confirmed a quorum was present given the presence of the following two (2) Trustees in attendance in person at the start of the meeting:

- Lluvia Hernandez Aguirre, Student Trustee
- James Kvedaras, Trustee, Secretary and Chair Pro Tem

and the presence of the following three (3) Trustees via Zoom:

- Kevin Brookins, Trustee and Vice Chair
- Angela M. Sebastian, Trustee and Chair

- Anibal Taboas, Trustee

President Cheryl Green, Ph.D., *ex-officio* Board member and chief executive officer of GSU, was present as were the following members of the President's Cabinet:

- Joshua R. Allen, MPS, SHRM-SCP, Vice President of Human Resources
- Corey S. Bradford, Sr., Vice President of Administration and Finance
- Janelle A. Crowley, Ph.D., Chief of Staff, President's Office
- William A. Davis, MS, Vice President, Institutional Advancement, Marketing and Communications
- Maureen Kelly, Executive Director for Government and Community Affairs
- Paul McGuinness, MA, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- Therese King Nohos, JD, Vice President, General Counsel
- Joi F. Patterson, PhD, Chief Diversity Officer

In addition, members of the University community were in attendance, including Timothy Forde Ph.D., MPH on behalf of Provost Beverly Schneller.

III. ABSENCES

The following trustees were absent: John Brudnak and Pedro Cevallos-Candau.

IV. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Pro Tem Kvedaras at approximately 9:00 am. At the start of the meeting, Chair Pro Tem Kvedaras called for a moment of silence for those students who had been the victims of off-campus gun violence recently.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair Pro Tem then addressed the consent agenda, explaining that any item could be removed upon the request of any Trustee. No items were removed. Chair Sebastian moved to vote on the Consent Agenda and Trustee Taboas seconded the motion. On unanimous roll call vote, the consent agenda passed, including:

- Approval of the Proposed Agenda for the February 6, 2023 meeting;
- Approval of Resolution 23-19, thereby approving the application of the in-state resident tuition rate to all residents of the United States and its territories;
- Approval of Resolution 23-20, thereby approving proposed tuition rate increases for Academic Year 2023-2024 such that (i) the undergraduate and graduate tuition rate charged to students receiving the Illinois resident rate will increase by \$15 per credit hour and (ii) the undergraduate and graduate tuition rate charged to students not receiving the Illinois resident rate will increase by \$30 per credit hour;
- Approval of Resolution 23-21, thereby approving certain student fees for all students regarding (i) facilities in the flat amounts of \$205 for those students enrolled in one-to-six credit hours and of \$585 for those students enrolled in more than six credit hours; and (ii) technology in the flat amounts of \$105 for students enrolled in one-to-six credit hours and of \$285 for students enrolled in more than six credit hours for Academic Year 2023-2024;
- Approval of Resolution 23-22, thereby approving the increase of all student housing fees relating to Prairie Place by four and a half percent (4.5%); and
- Approval of Resolution 23-23, thereby approving an amendment to the Board Bylaws reducing the number of mandatory meetings from five (5) to four (4) per year.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Green shared updates from across the University, starting with highlighting a sold-out event at the Center for Performing Arts over the weekend called Drum Line.

She then addressed the Illinois Board of Higher Education's ("IBHE") budget recommendations to the Illinois legislature, which would increase funding for higher education by seven and a half percent (7.5%) if adopted. She noted that the IBHE recommended that GSU receive the highest increase of all public institutions of sixteen and a half percent (16.5%). Governor Pritzker will give his proposed budget in an address on February 15, 2023. In addition, she recounted the positive feedback GSU received from hosting the IBHE's quarterly board meeting in January on GSU's campus. IBHE has not held a board meeting on GSU's campus in ten years.

Regarding Academic Affairs, President Green reported that the School of Extended Learning brought together high school students and area employers in an event held on January 21 with record attendance. The curriculum and advising pathway for students wishing to pursue a "3+3" joint BA/JD program in partnership with Southern Illinois University is complete. GSU has been approached by Northern Illinois University to explore a similar partnership. The National College Honors Council gave the Honors Program a positive review; a plan to establish an Honors College will be presented to the Board in June 2023.

Regarding personnel, President Green reported that there are ongoing searches for the Chair of the Library, a permanent Dean of the Library, an Executive Director of the Center for Performing Arts, and a Director of University Events.

Regarding marketing and communications, President Green reported that the value of earned media impressions is valued at \$7.9 million, which reflects year-over-year growth.

President Green reported that Sylvia Fuentes has graciously agreed to be the Honorary Degree Recipient at Commencement this year.

Regarding Human Resources, President Green highlighted the employee development program called SEEDS and that Vice President Joshua Allen was featured on an *Inside HigherEd* podcast regarding hiring, retention, and veteran employment.

Finally, regarding enrollment, President Green reported that full time enrollment as well as total credit hours is up year-over-year by approximately two percent (2%) each.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Trustee Taboas, which was seconded by Vice Chair Brookins, the Trustees voted unanimously upon roll call vote to go into closed session pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/. The open session of the meeting therefore adjourned at approximately 9:30 am. The open session reconvened at approximately 11:15 am. Chair Pro Tem Kvedaras noted that no final actions were taken in closed session.

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

After calling for any new or old business, Chair Pro Tem announced that the Executive Committee would be attending the annual Association of Governing Boards' conference in April.

There being no further new or old business, Chair Pro Tem Kvedaras entertained a motion to adjourn. Chair Sebastian so moved and Trustee Taboas seconded. It passed unanimously.

Approved by: _____

Angela M. Sebastian
Chair