

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the December 6, 2013 Meeting

Anibal Taboas, Chair

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met on Friday, December 6, 2013 in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors at Governors State University. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Committee Chair Anibal Taboas. Also in attendance were Committee members Eileen Durkin, Brian D. Mitchell and Kayla Randolph-Clark, and Trustees Jack Beaupre, Bruce Friefeld, Patrick Ormsby and Lorraine Tyson.

Others present: Elaine P. Maimon, President; Deborah E. Bordelon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Gebeyehu Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff; Alexis Kennedy, General Counsel; Karen Kissel, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Courtney Kohn Sanders, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing; Will Davis, Vice President for Development; Rashidah J. Muhammad, President, Faculty Senate; Laura Owens, President, Civil Service Senate; Lisa Wallace, President, Student Senate; Elizabeth Ruiz, President, GSU University Professionals of Illinois; Angela Latham, Associate Provost; Sandra Mayfield, Associate Provost; Karen D'Arcy, Interim Dean, College of Education; Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean, College of Business and Public Administration; Reinhold Hill, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Aurelio Valente, Dean of Students; Jeff Slovak, Deputy Vice President for Administration and Finance; Faculty Senate Representatives David Golland and Shaalein Lopez; and David Dixon, Internal Auditor.

Committee Chair Taboas introduced Faculty Senate Representatives David Golland and Shaalein Lopez.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. GSU Program Accreditation Status Summary – December 2013

Bordelon pointed out the highlights of the report, which is in the Board book. The College of Business and Public Administration is moving forward with accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The Initial Accreditation Committee (IAC) has appointed a Peer Review Team and GSU's self-evaluation year has been set as 2014-2015. The Peer Review Team visit has been scheduled for October 2015.

2. **Annual Listings – December 2013**

Bordelon provided a summary of the report, which is in the Board book. Durkin asked whether GSU has a lot of certificate programs in the Masters in Social Work (MSW) program, or is this something new. Bordelon responded that there are certificate programs designed to provide extra skill sets for social work graduates. In addition faculty are looking at ways to meet the needs of the field, and to attract graduates back for more courses. Durkin asked if students with an MSW from another university can attend GSU for a certificate program, and Bordelon confirmed they could. She added that the University plans to market this program widely. Randolph-Clark requested more information on the Economics minor, and Bordelon explained that it is a sequence course. Taboas asked how curricular development and the decision to add new programs is driven. Bordelon explained that program development is very strategically driven. The Academic Master Plan (AMP) was developed in 2010 by former Provost Terry Allison. The AMP involves a process of looking at the gaps in programs, community/societal needs, and peer institutions. Meeting regularly, the Committee strategically determines what programs should be initiated based on that information. Many of these programs are on the books; however the Committee continues to look at gaps and needs that GSU can realistically fill. Taboas asked if from the top down, has there been institutional decision making? Bordelon confirmed that is part of the AMP, which is a University-wide initiative.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes.** Taboas requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2011 and October 11, 2013 Academic Affairs Committee meetings. Beaupre made a motion. Mitchell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
2. **Resolution 14—12: Request for New Unit of Instruction (RNUI) – Bachelor of Arts in Theater and Performance Studies.** Taboas requested a motion to approve Resolution 14-12 for inclusion on the Consent Agenda. Durkin made a motion. Randolph-Clark seconded. Bordelon explained this BA grew out of a minor. The program has been very successful in sparking interest in theater and performance across campus, and the faculty look forward to having a full-fledged program. She pointed out the wonderful resources at GSU, and the ability to integrate the Center for Performing Arts into the program. Durkin asked if any peer institutions have a similar program, to which Bordelon responded that GSU is the only university in the area pulling in students for theater and performance studies. Taboas requested that Bordelon discuss the hiring planned. She explained that through the Planning and Budget Advisory Council (PBAC) budget exercises done each spring, costs are projected for new hires in the coming fiscal year.

If approved then the hiring process begins. Maimon added that new hires can occur with reallocation of resources, as well, when appropriate. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. ***Resolution 14—13: Appointment of a University Task Force for Open Access Legislation.*** Taboas requested a motion to approve Resolution 14-13 for inclusion on the Consent Agenda. Randolph-Clark made a motion. Durkin seconded. Maimon explained this action is a result of an amendment to Senate Bill 1900 that came out of the last legislative session in response to a national discussion on the concept of public access to research done at public universities. It requires every Illinois public university to establish an Open Access to Research Task Force by January 1, 2014, to be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the public university, with the advice and consent of that Board. The task force shall review current practices and design a proposed policy regarding open access to research articles, based on criteria that are specific to each public university's needs. Bordelon stated the task force will begin meeting next month in order to develop a plan for providing open access while protecting the work of GSU's faculty. She pointed out that a publisher is an important member of this committee. A plan must be submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) by January 2015. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. ***Resolution 14—14: Approval of Emeritus Status for Dr. Jagan Lingamneni.*** Taboas requested a motion to approve Resolution 14-14 for inclusion on the Consent Agenda. Beaupre made a motion. Durkin seconded. Bordelon gave a brief overview of the application process for emeritus status. Dr. Lingamneni recently retired after 33 years of service to GSU in the Criminal Justice program. She recalled that at his retirement celebration it was very moving to hear the testimonies of so many of his students. Dr. Lingamneni has been very active in service to the University, and his research has resulted in over 60 publications. Bordelon stated she was very pleased to bring Dr. Lingamneni before the Board for emeritus status. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Bordelon assured the Board that the Administration will continue to bring forward the accreditation summary and new programs as they are developed. Taboas thanked her for the informative discussion and welcomed further discourse of items being brought before the Board in the future. He also thanked the Administration for the well prepared and organized Board package, which he very much appreciates. Ormsby inquired about an academic strategic plan. Bordelon responded that the Academic Master Plan is the University's academic strategic plan, and is projected five years out. Friefeld asked if it was on the website. Bordelon replied it is not

at this time, as a new website is being launched in the next week or two, however when that it done it will be posted. Taboas commented on an initiative at Northwestern University where students go into the high schools to help make sure those students are academically prepared. He asked if GSU had anything similar in the works, perhaps in the field of manufacturing, as it has become a somewhat new realization that the U.S. needs help in this regard. Bordelon stated the University is currently working with Harper College to develop an advanced manufacturing program. She agreed to provide more information to the Board in the future on initiatives to develop programs in the high schools and community colleges.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for Public Comment.

Taboas requested a motion to adjourn. Beaupre made a motion. Durkin seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Johns Maloney