

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEESHIP, GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATIONS  
Minutes of the December 5, 2014 Meeting**

**Bruce Friefeld, Chair**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Committee on Trusteeship, Governance and Nominations was called to order by Chair Bruce Friefeld at 10:47 a.m. Committee members Jack Beaupre, Patrick Ormsby and Anibal Taboas were present, as well as Trustees Lorraine Tyson, Eileen Durkin and Brian Mitchell. Student Trustee Jeremy Joyce was absent.

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; Will Davis, Vice President for Development; Aurelio Valente, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs; Maureen Kelly, Director of Governmental and Community Relations; Rashidah J. Muhammad, Faculty Senate President; Sheryl Jones-Harper, Civil Service Senate President; Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost; Ann Vendrely, Associate Provost; Reinhold Hill, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean, College of Business and Public Administration; Andrea Evans, Dean, College of Education; Lydia Morrow-Ruetten, Dean, University Library; David Dixon, Internal Auditor; David Meadows, Executive Vice President Designee; David Golland, Faculty Senate Representative; and Thomas Vander Woude, Deputy Executive Director of Transportation and Infrastructure, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA).

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Report on GSU's Open Access Task Force**

Bordelon explained that at the December 2013 meeting the Administration brought to the Board Public Act 098-0295 – Open Access to Research Articles Act, requiring GSU to develop an Open Access Task Force appointed by the Board of Trustees by January 1, 2014. The task force was to consist of voting and non-voting members representing faculty, library, administration and academic publishers. During the past year work has been underway to prepare a report that will be shared with the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), the State Legislature, and the Governor's Office. Bordelon indicated the Act will provide access to the public research that faculty have published in peer reviewed journals. The Committee worked together to address the

issues in the legislation and what is before the Board today is the report to be submitted. This policy has been approved by the Faculty Senate. Bordelon clarified that the GSU Library is home to the OPUS system (Open Portal to University Scholarship), an open access system that is available to universities across the country. She described how the system is very faculty friendly and has seen a great deal of faculty input. It is a benefit to the GSU research community. Bordelon concluded by stating the University has met all the requirements of Public Act 098-0295.

Friefeld asked what the impetus was for this legislation. Bordelon responded that State Senator Daniel Biss took this subject on as a personal cause because he is a mathematician and feels it is important that faculty research in public universities be supported and accessible to a much broader audience, particularly students. Tyson asked if this was another unfunded mandate, which Bordelon confirmed it is. She added that the University is looking into ways to support the mandates of the Act.

#### **Draft – *Vision 2020 Strategic Plan***

Bordelon presented the latest draft of the *Vision 2020 Strategic Plan* revised after feedback from the August Board Retreat, the strategic planning session held in October, and input from the University community. The Administration proposes bringing the final version to the Board for a vote at the February meeting. Friefeld thanked the Administration for the opportunity to participate in the process.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2014**

Friefeld entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2014 Committee meeting. Beaupre made a motion. Ormsby seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

##### ***Resolution 15-16: Approval of Revisions to the Board Regulation V.B. (Procurement)***

The resolution was withdrawn from the agenda at the request of President Maimon.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Friefeld reminded the Board that elections for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary will take place at the February 2015 meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no requests for Public Comment.

Friefeld entertained a motion to adjourn. Ormsby made a motion. Beaupre seconded. The meeting of the Committee on Trusteeship, Governance and Nominations adjourned at 10:56 a.m. by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Johns Maloney