MINUTES

UNIVERSITY SENATE
August 13, 2020


Designated/Volunteered Proxy to Attending Senator: Jay Atkinson, Deniz Ballero, Diane Belcher, Kimberly Bennekin, Perry Binder, Michael Black, Sabra Blackwell, Amanda Boone, Faye Borthick, Michael Bradley, Shane Bruce, Brendan Calandra, Xiaojun Cao, Juree Capers, Melody Dantzler, Patricia Carter, Lindsey Cohen, Daniel Crimmins, Kathryn Crowther, Melanie Davenport, Jason Duncan, Tonia Durden, Antara Dutta, Sevgin Eroglu, Michael Fix, Matthew Gayman, Emily Graybill, Glenn Harrison, Maurice Hobson, Shuguang Hong, Leszek Ignatowicz, Jan Ivery, JoAnn Joyner, Nadine Kabengi, Trisha Kanan, Elizabeth Kim, Richard Lakes, Chunyung Li, Elizabeth Lim, Susan Laury, Bethany Turner-Livermore, Kenneth Long, Blake McGee, Ewa McGrail, Tracy McKinney, Jeff Mahr, Nikki Marshall, Valerie Miller, Richard Milligan, Isabelle Monlouis, Suazette Mooring, Anne Murphy, Michelle Nelson, Kris Niedringhaus, Martin Norgaard, Romney Norwood, Ike Okosun, Samantha Parks, Joe Patterson, Terry Pechacek, Unil Perera, Bruce Pilling, Jay Rajiva, Bala Ramesh, Kim Ramsey-White, Sebastian Rand, Marcus Rhymes, Ken Rice, Andrew Sumner, Niklas Vollmer, Noey Watson, Marta White, Brett Wong

ORDER: The chair, President Mark Becker, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 13, 2020 Senate meeting were approved by the Senate. Dr. Becker reminded the senators that may have multiple voting cards to raise all voting cards when he calls for a vote. The senators are serving as a designated proxy or volunteer proxy for a senator that was unable to attend the meeting.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: The chair opened his comments by providing the President’s Report. The President informed the Senate that the GSU community was solicited in advance for questions to address the upcoming start of the Fall semester. The answers to the submitted questions were provided by the President in the virtual townhall that was held today at 1:00 p.m. The President stated that GSU is doing the best that it can with public health guidance to keep the university safe. He also noted that the overall density of the campus has been reduced so that only 10% of students will be on campus in a classroom at any given time. This is a huge reduction compared to the past.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. The following motions are being presented for consideration by the Senate.
The Executive Committee recommends a “do pass” on the following agenda items:

1. Motion from the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Todd Hendricks, Chair. 
   **Motion to Amend Bylaws to Permit Electronic Meetings of the Senate if Physical Meetings are not Possible**
   The motion was to permit electronic meetings of the Senate under certain conditions. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. Motion from the Nominations Committee; Shelby Frost, Chair.
   **Nominations Report for the 20-21 Senate Year**
   This motion was to approve the 20-21 slate of senators on their respective committees. The question was called. The motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Dionne Polite, Assistant to the Senate