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MINUTES
Gulf Coast Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, March 13, 2020
9:30 am – 10:55 am
Hardy Hall 316

1.0 Call to Order – 9:30 am

Present: Tom Rishel, Rebecca Powell, Joyce Shaw (proxy for Patrick Biber), Justin Easterday, Jerry Bass, Shiao Wang, Patsy Anderson, Marlene Naquin, Kalyn Lamey, Lin Agler, Lee Follett

Absent: Bridgett Davis, John Lambert, Xiaodong Zhang, Sharon Rouse, Hammet (Quincy Brown), Robert Leaf, Don Redalje, Michelle Jeanfreau

Invited speakers and gallery: Casey Maugh Funderburk,

2.0 Approval of Agenda (Powell/Naquin) After changing 3.0 to Casey Maugh Funderburk to speak

3.0 Program: Casey Maugh-Funderburk

The conversation began member Lee Follett asking about insight concerning changes in leadership with COLT (M. Graham stepped down as Interim VPR for the Coast and was replaced by Dr. Kelly Lucas, head of the GCRL Thad Cochran Marine Aquaculture Center). And he asked about meetings with the Long Beach and Gulfport Chambers of Commerce. Long Beach wants there to be a strong relationship with USM-GP and Gulfport recognizes that USM has a growing presence at the Port of Gulfport which includes the Roger F. Wicker Center for Ocean Enterprise and perhaps a business accelerator in downtown Gulfport. The focus of talks in these venues is academics staying in Long Beach and the growth of research be the focus of the Marine Research Center complex at the Port.

<https://www.usm.edu/news/2019/release/center-for-ocean-enterprise-breaks-ground-at-the-port-of-gulfport.php>

Dr. Funderburk updated Chambers on the UMS pillars for the coast..

Proposal for funding submitted by Dr. Graham & VPR Dr. Cannon was requested from Deepwater Horizon “Restore” funding (\$32m or \$80m).

What is the status of organizational change for the coast? Everything is being considered and it is President Bennett decision; might be presented to IHL March 19 meeting.

Dr. Funderburk said she had no knowledge of rumors about Graham or IHL or knowledge about anything.

She said there would be a two week break so faculty could transition to online teaching due to the covid-19 situation.

4.0 President (Tom Rishel)

4.1.1 Gulf Park Re-organization plan (see 3. 0 Program)

4.1.2 Faculty Senate update

Discussion of the issue of where the Faculty Handbook conflicts with the USM Employee Handbook. Questions include how are changes made in the Employee Handbook (HR. Executive Committee?) Employee Handbook is the base for policies, etc. Faculty Handbook changes are slow by nature.

Faculty Evaluation: to shift to Academic year instead of calendar year. Date for 9-month faculty would shift to September 30. Issue is faculty cannot be asked to work outside their contract period.

4.1.3 Textbooks: “Centage Unlimited” a vendor is scheduled to speak about open access at Faculty First Week.

University Libraries Dean Eye spoke to the Faculty Senate about his negotiating with Elsevier (Science Direct) concerning a five-year contact. Dean Eye wants Faculty Senate to approve a resolution that support his walking away from Elsevier.

University Libraries would subscribe to individual journals and access to the others would be via interlibrary loan. Cancelling Elsevier titles and packages impacts the areas of science more the other disciplines at USM.

4.1.4 Elections: The Faculty Senate and GCFC elections are upcoming. UMS Institutional Research (?) wants out of the “Super Ballot” election process.

5.0 Secretary’s Report (Joyce Shaw)

Looking into using Zoom for meetings; a member suggested using Canvas. (June follow up—a GCFC Team was created by Secretary-Elect Justin Easterday)

6.0 Old Business

There was no old business.

7.0 New Business

There was no New Business (covered in President’s section)

8.0 Announcements (none)

9.0 Next meeting (none announced)

10.0 Adjourn – 10:55 am

11.0

Respectfully submitted

Joyce M. Shaw

GCFC Secretary 2019-20