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September 25, 2020
9 A.M. Microsoft Teams

1.0 Call to order – 9:00 am

Present: Tom Rishel, Rebecca Rowell, Joyce Show, Justin Easterday, Jerry Bass, Shiao Wang, Bridgette Davis, Marlene Naquin, Patrick Biber, Kalyn Lamey, Lin Agler, Lee Follett

2.0 Approval of the agenda

3.0 Program: none

4.0 Officer reports

4.1 Secretary (Joyce Shaw/Justin Easterday) Minutes

Last meeting (March 13, 2020) minutes were shared and were approved

5.0 Old business

5.1 None (?) Who is on this council?

Addressed in section 6.1

6.0 New business

6.1 Officer elections update

Discussion on the holding election or re-elections for new Gulf Coast Faculty Council representatives. The 2020 elections were delayed due to the COVID-19 virus. The council reviewed the "*GC Faculty Council- Representatives and Term Lengths*" Excel sheet (located in Teams) to determine which positions need to be filled and if term lengths were correct. The council approved holding elections to fill the needed positions.

6.1.1 President-elect discussion

6.1.2 Secretary elect discussion

6.2 Gulf Coast Faculty Council (GCFC) Mission and Role

"The Council shall provide for the Gulf Coast faculty both a forum and a voice and so allow it to assert for the general welfare of the USM Gulf Coast campuses and the University-at-large" Section 102 Bylaws

6.3 GCFC Goals for 2020-2021

Had a short discussion about the Gulf Coast reorganization and that we (Gulf Coast Faculty Council) did not receive any clear facts from a past discussion with Dr. Casey Maugh Funderburk, Vice Provost for the Gulf Park Campus. It was decided one new goal for the Gulf Coast Faculty Council is to be more involved with the reorganization. Additional suggested goals are:

- TR Maintain and advocate for four-year teaching orientation and focus on undergraduates as a matter of equity for the Gulf Coast community” (approved by the group)
- Set clarity on the separation of roles and duties of administrative bodies to faculty on the Gulf Park campus
- Promote better communications and forums for concerns for Gulf Coast Faculty at-large. Example: expand our meeting announcements to have more faculty senators attend Gulf Coast Faculty Council meetings.
- Possible procedural goal could be involve the Gulf Coast Senate members and provide some form of involvement (possible voting)
- Explore setting a committee that focuses on goals (short and long) for the Gulf Coast Faculty Council

7.0 Next meeting

Meetings will happen each month on the third Friday at 9:00 am

7.1 Friday, October 16, 2020 9:00 am – 10:30 am Microsoft Teams

8.0 Announcements

If any Gulf Coast Faculty Council Representatives want a visitor a meeting, please send Rebecca an email 2 weeks before the next meeting.

9.0 Adjourn – 10:01 am

- Submitted for approval: October 15th, 2020
- Received approval: October 16th, 2020

Justin Easterday

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GCFC Secretary 2020-2021