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Gulf Coast Faculty Council
February 3, 2012 | 1:30-3 pm| GC Library Room 204

Members in attendance: Allisa Beck, Casey Maugh, Dale Lunsford, Heidi Lyn, Holly Hulbert, Jennifer Walker, Karen Rich, Kenneth Zantow, Lin Agler, Marlene Naquin, Sumanth Yenduri.

Members with proxies: Jack Covarrubias (M. Naquin proxy), Scott Milroy (H. Hulbert proxy), Tom Osowski (Michelle Brazeal proxy)

Guests: Jason Bigelow, Ann Billings, Mary Ann Adams

March 2, 2012 –Senate meeting on GP campus
March 9, 2012 –GCFC meeting (Library Room 204)
April 13, 2012 (Library Room 204)
May ?, 2012 (Library Room 204)
June 8, 2012?

- 1.0 Call to order (Meeting called to order by Marlene)(Becker has stepped down and Heard from GCRL has not attended)
- 2.0 Approval of past minutes (Motion made to approve; seconded; motion passed with no objections)
- 3.0 Approval of agenda (motion made; seconded; approved with no objections)
- 4.0 Faculty Senate Report: See emails (was briefly discussed)
- 5.0 GCFC President's report - Marlene Naquin
Executive Council (most items discussed were similar to the items discussed by Jason Bigelow and Ann Billings)
Provost Council none
Dean's Council none
Bookstore. (Marlene Naquin will be meeting with others about bookstore issues on Thursday. Marlene has now been appointed the Gulf Coast liaison for textbooks. Some of the problems were mentioned, such as not having enough books ordered for the courses.)

6.0 Guests:

Jason Bigelow, Campus Architect & Director of Physical Plant (Updated the group about the construction and renovation going on at this time. Hardy Hall should be finished by fall 2012. This building will include bookstore and small cafeteria. Lloyd Hall & Elizabeth Hall also should be finished of fall 2012, and should be occupied and open by Spring semester. Lloyd Hall will be classrooms. Elizabeth Hall will be underway soon. The new science building is on schedule and should be finished this June/July. Hope to occupy by Fall 2012. The old recreation center is being renovated for the new College of Health and should be finished by June/July. Hope to occupy by Fall 2012. Other projects include: New lounge furniture for FEC and new paint. New parking planned north of Hardy Hall and near Elizabeth Hall (if money is available). More faculty/staff parking will be added when possible. Old TLC play area will be a new green space. The TLC play area will be moving south of the Barber building (will be handicapped accessible). The shoefly will be redone. It is hoped that a new deck can be constructed around the Friendship Oak. Administration Building: Will be demolished sometime this summer and the space will be turned into a pavilion area (at some point). A new eagle sculpture will be placed in the courtyard near the new Hardy Hall addition. (Note: The main student entrance will be to the north of Hardy Hall after renovation). Future plans: Probably new buildings to replace Holloway Complex and Business Complex within the next 10 years or so. A suggestion was made that the pedestrian walkways be made more 'pedestrian-friendly'. A suggestion was made to have some visitor parking. There is coordination with Hattiesburg to get some better signage to direct visitors to campus. Eco-Eagles: One future plan is to clean out Bear Bayou; community garden; compost, find places for blueberry bushes, fig trees, etc. Discussed plans to purchase surrounding land as it becomes possible.)

Ann Billings, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Admissions (Began supervising office of admissions in Oct. of 2010. Many changes had to be made. One question was how are things divided up? What was Ann's and what was Shelia's? Recruitment should be personalized/customized to each student. There was no good communication. Her office has created communication packets for each type of activity (inquiry, etc.). All handouts had to be professional (no photocopied fliers for example). All contacts with prospective students are tracked at every stage and carefully documented.

They get either direct mail or e-mail follow-ups each week. Must be careful not to promise what you can't deliver. All recruiters must be knowledgeable about programs so that they can give prospective students correct information. Discussed the 'Adult Status Admission' procedure. Ann mentioned the recruiters for the department. Patsy Thomas is director of recruitment and is also at the Gulf Coast Community College campuses three days a week. (Also Pearl River Community College). Each recruiter is responsible for one college. Internal inquires (walk-ins) are handled by Deanna Fowler and Patricia Craft handles external inquiries. Mary Funk is the coordinator for undeclared majors and is liaison with career services in Hattiesburg. She also teaches two classes (one is LS 250-strategic learning). Also contacts all students who withdraw from the university. Christy Elias is in charge of student life. There are now 30 student organizations at Southern Miss Gulf Coast. Ann asked that she be notified if you know of a recruitment area that is not already being covered. Christy Elias is looking for student organizations advisors. Dr. Lucas wants to increase our scholarship opportunities. A committee has been formed to look into offering more health services to students. Enrollment is increasing.

7.0 Other Business

Congratulations Allisa!

<https://www.usm.edu/news/article/southern-miss'-beck-honored-long-beach-historical-society-award>

Senate meeting on GC campus –need count if joining for lunch.

Dale Lunsford pointed out that if you go to 'southernmiss', there isn't a map. One should be made available.

Recycling: Physical Plant should be periodically checking recycling.

8.0 Upcoming events –

Feb 9 (Thursday) Campaign for Southern Miss

Feb 20-21 (Mon-Tues) Mardi Gras Holidays

Mar 1 (Thursday) Scholars Bowl

Mar 2 (Friday) Faculty Senate Meeting on the Coast

March 9 (Friday) Halfway point in semester

Mar 9 (Friday) So Miss GC Civic Chorale – Biloxi –<http://www.usm.edu/calendar/9-2011/music-mack-wilberg>

March 12-16 Spring Holidays

April 6 Good Friday Holiday

Apr 7 (Saturday) Jazz Fest

May 4 (Friday) Last day of classes

May 11 Friday Hattiesburg Commencement

May 12 Saturday Gulf Coast Commencement

<http://www.usm.edu/provost/provosts-calendar>

<http://www.usm.edu/gc/gccustserv/Spr12-academic-calendar.pdf>