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Council of Chairs Retreat
August 27th 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Thad Cochran Center – President’s Suite
Charting the Course “To the Top!”
Meeting Minutes

1.0 General Session:

- Welcome and Introductions by CoC Chair – Dr. Roberson
- Opening remarks were offered by Provost Wiesenburg
- President Bennett addressed the CoC with regard to his “Eleven Points” that will guide his efforts during the coming months.

2.0 New Business Items:

- CoC Meetings and Information Sharing
 - CoC meetings were set for the last Tuesday of each month from 3-5 p.m. at the CoST Dean’s Conference Room via IVN
 - The CoC listserv will continue to be used to communicate about CoC issues, and the Coc Dropbox will be used to house CoC documents.
 - The CoC web site has been taken down; updates will follow pertaining to our web presence through the Information Center.
- CoC Standing Committees and Other University Committee Membership
 - CoC Executive Committee (Thelma Roberson, Chair; Tisha Zelner, Chair-Elect; Joe Olmi, Secretary)
 - Chairs and Members needed for the following committees:
 - Election Committee
 - Chair Development Committee (Tom O’Brien, Chair)
 - By-Laws/Constitution Committee
 - Faculty Senate Handbook Committee CoC Representative: Tisha Zelner
 - Academic Leadership Council: Thelma Roberson
 - Ad Hoc HR Committee: Sabine Heinhorst and _____
 - University Assessment Committee: Chuck Tardy
- CoC priorities (3) were established based on a vote of attending members. Those include the following:
 - Budget (Special request for Mr. Vinzant to address the Council at the next meeting [September 24th Meeting])
 - Compensation of Chairs/Faculty Salaries
 - Gulf Coast
 - Chairs for these priority committees were not selected and need to be at the next Council meeting.
- New Issues/Discussion Topics
 - The Deans’ Letter regarding governance structure of the GC was read aloud during the meeting, voted upon by the attending Council members, and passed unanimously after substantial discussion.
 - It was suggested that Dr. Roberson draft a position statement for the CoC pertaining to the newly mandated tenure and promotion guidelines handed down by Provost Wiesenburg. That position statement will be vetted through the Council.
 - Next meeting slated for September 24th, 3-5 p.m. in the CoST Conference Room.
- Retreat meeting adjourned at approximately 4 p.m.