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Casey went over the reasons for today's retreat and briefly discussed the group's relationship with Faculty Senate. Last year, much effort was dealing with the restructuring of the campus. Dr. Miller was unable to attend today's retreat, but will attend the first meeting.

Casey also sent out a poll to find out the best time for meetings. The Faculty Council traditionally meets on Fridays, but this isn't an ideal time for everyone.

The group will tour the new College of Health, Health Services and Recreation buildings that are under renovation.

Discussed the resolution that the GCFC wrote about the health services needs. It took time, but it is now becoming a reality.

Where does the GCFC fit within the university structure? There is nothing in the documentation that says the GCFC president is a member of FS. It has just been done. We are also not recognized in the faculty handbook. One idea is to have the FS recognize the GCFC in the FS constitution (however, if this is done, would it make the GCFC a 'committee' within the FS? This could create problems). The issue is more complicated than first thought.

Question was raised: Who can create a committee? We are 'unofficially' recognized, because the GCFC president is involved in almost every committee on GC (and many HB) campus.

Two possibilities:

1. See university recognition and see if president signs off.
2. Asking FS to accept a resolution (written by GCFC) to be added to the constitution (having the president of GCFC an ex officio 'seated' (as opposed to a non-member in the audience) member of FS—non-voting unless the GCFC president is also an elected member of FS.

One suggestion made was to write a letter to deans and chairs explaining the work of the GCFC (to help T&P and evaluation deliberations when GCFC is not counted as university service). These can be kept on file in departments.

(See handout for three priorities details)

#1: Recognition

#2: Associate Provost – GC and permanent hire for GP VP position.

#3: GC faculty mentorship program. (Add: Need a coast rep. on all committees that serve for T&P deliberations.)

Ideas for the year:

GCFC is supposed to represent all coast sites, but we are still sometimes separate. We need to be brought together better.

Still need to deal with the reorganization (how is it working? Financially,

IVN capabilities. Using IVN rooms for other purposes when not used for IVN. Also, some IVN rooms don't have enough of the correct equipment to properly teach some courses. What is iTech's responsibility, especially when the room has equipment in it that was paid for by the department, not iTech.

Food choices on campus. Need a 'grab 'n go' kiosk in the FEC.

Salary compression between the two campuses.

T&P issues.

Expansion of programs.

More International students. Need international officer at GC. Need the support for the international students (housing, p/t jobs, transportation, etc.).

Continuing fall party for all faculty. Also have a designated evening for faculty to get together after work.

Need small budget for the Council.

Mentorships.

Associate Provost position.

Placement Center (career services)

Master plan for GC.