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THE UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI Meeting Minutes
GULF COAST Gulf Coast Faculty
Council Meeting

Friday, February 20, 2015
1:30pm – 3:00 p.m.
Hardy Hall 214

Members in Attendance: Lin Agler, Jorge Brown, Danielle Fastring, Danielle Greenhow, Lance Hopkins, Tom Lansford, Tom Rishel, Karen Rich, Rebecca Fillmore, Heidi Lyn

Proxies: Ken Zantow (Lance Hopkins), Eric Saillant (Danielle Greenhow), Allisa Beck (Jorge Brown), David Holt (Tom Lansford), Marie Leonard (Heidi Lyn), Casey Maugh Funderburk (Heidi Lyn)

Members Absent: Robert Griffitt (senator)

I. Call to Order

At 1:30 p.m. by Heidi Lyn acting as President for Casey Maugh

II. Approval of past minutes

January 23, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved without revisions.

III. Officer Reports

- President [Heidi Lyn reported for Casey Maugh]
 - Welcome Tom Rishel to the Council
Tom is the new at-large member replacing Patsy Anderson who is now an Interim Associate Dean.
 - Elections
Will be held in April. Members need to check the test ballot closely. Errors were identified.
 - Submission of Campus Climate Letter of Support
This letter has been submitted to University Administration. The GCFC will encourage the Faculty Senate to submit a similar letter.
 - Faculty Senate Report
Lachel Story is no longer on the Faculty Senate. At the last FS meeting when discussion was opened by Bob Press, there were no questions or concerns voiced by senators about Dr. Story's ineligibility to serve. The issue of not allowing Chairs to serve on the senate was introduced. This issue received a negative response and was not carried forward.
 - President-elect – no report
 - Secretary – no report
 - Secretary-elect – no report

IV. Old Business

- T&P committee composition to include GC faculty

Heidi distributed a resolution drafted by Karen and reviewed by Casey. FC members are to review the resolution and submit comments to Karen or Casey. The council will vote on the resolution at the March meeting.

- Presidential approval of GCFC/ Handbook Committee
In regard to obtaining official University status for the GCFC, the University Handbook Committee referred Casey to President Bennett. Casey will pursue this approval. Dr. Burke spoke with Casey about this issue and indicated the GC SGA is seeking similar action.

V. New Business

- The council discussed workload issues across Colleges. Consistency seems to be lacking and official directives are unclear.
- The issue of appropriate evaluation of the quality of open access journals was raised. It is becoming increasingly difficult to evaluate the quality of these journals and the ability to do so is likely to grow in importance. Though open access journals generally have been perceived negatively, some of these journals are reputable. An example was provided by a council member. Beall's list was questioned because it gives too much power to one person's view.

VI. Announcements

- Faculty Teaching Forum
 - March 18, 2015 – 12:30-1:30 - Ballroom

VII. Adjourn

- At 2:15 p.m. by Heidi Lyn.

Upcoming Events/ Meetings:

Faculty Council Meetings:

March 20, 2014

April 17, 2014 (officer elections held)

May 8, 2014 (if needed)