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**Meeting Minutes**

**Gulf Coast Faculty Council Meeting**

**Friday, April 17, 2015**

**1:30pm – 3:00 p.m.**

**Hardy Hall 214**

Members in Attendance: Jorge Brown, Casey Maugh Funderburk, Danielle Greenhow, Tom Lansford, Tom Rishel, Karen Rich, Eric Saillant, Rebecca Fillmore, Allisa Beck, David Holt, Marie Leonard, Kenneth Zantow.

Proxies: Danielle Fastring (Karen Rich), Lance Hopkins (Kenneth Zantow), Heidi Lyn (Allisa Beck), Maxim Van Norden (Danielle Greenhow)

Members Absent: Lin Agler, Robert Griffitt

- I. Call to order by President Casey Maugh Funderburk.
- II. Approval of past minutes: Were approved with no changes.
- III. Officer reports:
  - a. President: The Associate Provost for the Gulf Coast position has been posted. There were applications submitted even before the position was posted. A committee is being formed. Also, the first round of ballots for various university groups (University Research Council, Faculty Senate, etc.) has gone out. The second round has just been sent. Finally, there has not been an official response to the status of the Faculty Council by the President.
  - b. President-elect: Burke is moving over to take over as Vice President of Student Affairs. The idea of the 'access fee' is still being discussed. The results of a recent all-faculty poll regarding the proposed fee was discussed, with the majority in favor of the new fee structure. There will be a 4.5% budget cut across the board. There should be a 2.5% raise for faculty/staff, but this has not been approved by the IHL yet. Marie Leonard mentioned the Gender Equity Resolution that was brought up at the last Faculty Senate meeting but was not discussed in full. The Title IX 'program' at the recent Faculty Senate meeting was also mentioned.
  - c. Secretary: No report.
  - d. Secretary-elect: No report.
- IV: Old Business: There was no old business.
- V: New business: There was no new business.

VI: Officer Elections: A new president-elect and secretary-elect are to be elected. Marie Leonard nominated Heidi Lyn for president-elect. David Holt nominated Tom Lansford but then withdrew the nomination. Jorge Brown self-nominated himself for secretary-elect. There were no other nominations. Heidi Lynn is president-elect and Jorge Brown is secretary-elect.

VII: Adjourn.