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Gulf Coast Faculty Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2015
9:30am – 10:45am
University Club

Members in attendance: David Holt, Allisa Beck, Heidi Lyn, Jorge Brown, Lin Agler, Emily Bes, Jacob Breland, H. Quincy Brown, Cynthia Chatham, Danielle Greenhow, Tom Lansford, Tom Rishel, Mary Coyne, Kenneth Zantow.

Proxies: Robert Leaf (David Holt)

Absent: Peter Dean, Robert Griffitt, Marlene Naquin, Maxim Van Norden.

1. Call to Order

David Holt made a proposal that ‘Roberts’ Rules of Order’ be waived unless necessary. Jorge made a motion, Mary Coyne seconded. The motion passed with no objections.

2. Approval of past minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were approved with no objections.

3. Officer Reports

Each member present introduced themselves and the college that they are representing.

• President

- The Council will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month
- Teaching track Faculty status
There is a committee looking at the concept of a teaching track line (non-tenure track). There is a push to get it finalized/approved this semester. The idea is to streamline the corps of instruction. This would also allow instructors to advance in rank. This issue was brought up at the last Senate meeting and will be discussed further at the next Senate meeting.
- Mentorship program
There is a need for the formation of a group to help Gulf Coast tenure-track faculty. Council representatives should find out who in their college is coming up for third year review or tenure. It is hoped that Dr. Casey Maugh Funderburk will get this underway.
- Budget Issues with MAEP

Briefly discussed the potential budget cuts if money is taken from higher education to help fund K-12.

- Reserve increase by USM
There is \$330,000 in recurring money. This has been increased significantly to over one million dollars.
- Student credit hours: This is specifically addressing online hours. At the present time the hours are all lumped together. The hours should be divided by campus so that the Gulf Coast's hours can be counted.

- President-elect
No report
- Secretary
No report
- Secretary-elect
No report

4. Guest Speaker – None

5. Old Business

- None

6. New Business

- Elections Committee
 - 3 members (Emily Bes, H. Quincy Brown and Tom Rishel agreed to serve as the Elections Committee)
 - Elect chair (Tom Rishel will chair the Committee)
- Reports from Colleges (CoAL, CoB, CoH, CoN, CoEP, CoST)
Council representatives should communicate with their faculty and Gulf Coast Faculty Senators should communicate FS information with the campus.
 - List of faculty that are new and faculty that have left
 - New programs and lost programs
 - Who is up for review?
 - Who is just starting?
 - Priorities

CoAL: No report: Will have one at the next meeting.

CoB: One new faculty--Maria Leach (Accountancy)

CoH: New Associate Dean Rene Drum (SWK); one new visiting instructor in Dept. of Public Health; HPR lost one faculty Donna Swilling; no one up for third year/promotion/tenure.

CoN: No new faculty; no one up for promotion/tenure. One person is coming up for third year review, but spends most of her time in Hattiesburg. Patsy Anderson is new Associate Dean. Programs on hold: RN-BSN, RN-MSN & Concurrent Academic Progression in Nursing Pathway (CAPINP). Geriatric Nursing Practice has been cut.

CoEP: No new faculty; Three up for third year review: Hans Stadhagen, Rachel Luthor and Michelle Jeanfreau. Heidi Lyn is coming up for tenure.

CoST: Kalyn Lamey, Robert Grier, Pramila Shakya, Weihua Zhou, Abdullah Al-Khaled. Faculty who have left: Rebecca Fillmore, Frances Lucas, Mohammed Rahman, Sheri Aajul and Ismail Basha. No one is coming up for third year/promotion/tenure.

7. Announcements

- Interim Associate Provost, Casey Funderburk, visit next meeting
- Welcome new faculty and staff party (Oct 10)
The party will include new staff this year.
- Meeting schedule

8. Adjourn

Upcoming Events/ Meetings:

Welcome New Faculty and Staff Party (Oct 10)

Faculty Council Meetings:

Sept 8, Oct 13 (Conference conflict so, second Tuesday), Nov 10, Dec 1 (if needed), Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 8, Apr 5, May 3 (if needed)