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FACULTY SENATE RECOMMENDATION #2 2017–2018

Authored by Dr. Mac H. Alford, President, Faculty Senate
Introduced from the Floor by Stacy Reischman-Fletcher, Seconded by Daniel Capper
Amended and Passed Unanimously

A FACULTY SENATE recommendation to utilize the services of Professor Emeritus Dr. David Beckett in assisting the University Faculty Handbook Committee in editing a revised Faculty Handbook

WHEREAS the University Faculty Handbook Committee is experiencing significant turn-over from 2016–2017, with five of the nine members new to the Committee this year, and

WHEREAS revisions to the Faculty Handbook will be critical during this phase of the University's Plan for Academic Reorganization, especially with regard to units, leadership, and tenure/promotion, and

WHEREAS Professor Emeritus Dr. David C. Beckett served the University of Southern Mississippi for 32 years, and

WHEREAS Dr. Beckett served 12 years on the University Faculty Handbook Committee, nine of those as Chair, as well as on the Faculty Senate (President 2004–2005), Academic Council, Grade Review Council (Chair, 2011–2012), and University Advisory Committee, and knows the historical context in which the current document evolved, and

WHEREAS Dr. Beckett has expressed interest in assisting the Handbook Committee in this task, and

WHEREAS Dr. Beckett retired in July 2017, and

WHEREAS a retired University employee may begin volunteer work for the University 90 days after retirement and paid work 27 weeks after retirement,

THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND that the University utilize Dr. Beckett as an *ex officio* historian for the Faculty Handbook Committee during this time of reorganization as called upon.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RECOMMENDED that copies of this recommendation shall be sent to Dr. David Beckett, the Faculty Senate, Gulf Coast Faculty Council, General Counsel, the Provost, and the President.