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9 A.M. Zoom

1.0 Call to order – 9:00 a.m.

Present: Rebecca Powell, Justin Easterday Ken Zantow, Kalyn Lamey, Lachel Story, Jamie Stanfield, Lee Follett, Chris Winstead, Joby Bass, Marlene Naquin, Trent Gould, David Holt, Vincenzo Mistretta, Bret Becton, Mary Ann Holt, Heather Richey, Joe Griffitt, Karen Kohl, Bo Li, Wei Wu, Tom Rishel, Damon Franke, Pasty Anderson, Kenji Noguchi, Casey Maugh Funderburk, Hans Stadthagen, Bret Blackmon, Bridgette Davis, Jennifer Walker

2.0 Approval of the agenda: Due to meeting time topic was not discussed, went directly to Program

3.0 Program: Deans' Report

3.1 *Dr. Lachel Story, Dean of College of Nursing and Health Professions:* The current (coastal) nursing cohort will graduate this semester, but at this time all enrollment is in Hattiesburg but they are allowing clinics in the hospitals and labs to continue on the coast. The college will continue to give undergraduate students the possibility to do remote clinical at statewide sites. The Public Health programs (currently offering hybrid courses) will continue the transition to become a fully online program. To help increase the nursing "footprint" they will expand the current services (example: children center, provide coastal face-to-face, telehealth, etc.) and then expand to other services (hearing, sight, mental health, COVID-19, etc.). They are also in the process of looking to expanding and offer other services to the community. The clinic on the Gulf Park campus and the Children's Center can be locations where students have the opportunity to do observations with the faculty members. For the current coastal faculty, the plan is to stay on the coast and will find ways to help them contribute to the program. At this time, if the BSN program does return to the coast, it will take a more different approach than it did in the past.

3.2 *Dr. Brett Beck, Deal of College of Business and Economics:* Currently, the Human Capital Development, the master's program, the Ph.D. program, and the applied technology program will be merged with the already existing operations on the Gulf Park campus. The merge will form a new interdisciplinary school and currently, they are searching for a new school director, who will help guide what programs (and committees) the school will be offered. The goal is to establish the new school by July 1st, 2024. Currently working on an ocean entrepreneurship MBA, which will focus on the blue economy and ocean engineering.

3.3 *Dr. Trent Gould, Dean of College of Education and Human Sciences*: With the view that the college will have an administrative home in Hattiesburg, Dr. Gould's main focus is to take a slower approach to create the best solution for every one that falls within the provided framework. After meeting with the faculty and listening to feedback, Dr. Gould is still planning on keeping all the programs on the coast (move to Hattiesburg budget) until next fiscal year, unless a move is requested (before July 1, 2021). In the next fiscal year, courses/programs will begin to move to Hattiesburg depending on the decisions that were made around the curriculum. All Fall 2021 enroll will remain open for all CoHES programs, but eventually, the duplicate programs will be moved to Hattiesburg. To keep help the coastal enrollment the faculty has been asked to think of methods/how to deliver Hattiesburg courses to the coastal area. At this time the schools are still in the process of determining details, such as if the faculty on the campus. One thing that will continue for the School of Education (provided example) is continuing to offer practicums (student-teaching) with the local public schools.

3.4 *Dr. Chris Winstead, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences*: Similar to CoEHS, the college will slow down and take the time to determine how to move forward with the college. At the end of the reorganization, the college will have two new schools, the School of Ocean Science and Engineering and the School of [*Currently Unnamed*]. The main focus is establishing the new school and determining what programs will be placed in that school. To help establish the school and programs the college is currently searching for a new director. The new school should be fully established by the end of the timeline. One main goal of the new school is to focus on programs that the faculty are excited about and are unique to the coastal area. One possibility is to work and streamline with the community colleges and to also offer face-to-face or hybrid GEC courses.

4.0 Officer reports

4.1 Secretary: Due to the meeting time topic was not discussed

5.0 Old business: Due to the meeting time topic was not discussed

6.0 New business

6.1 GCFC Vice President Candidates Interview Questions: It was decided that over the weekend interview questions should be entered into a shared Google Document. Before the interview, we will select which questions we should ask and who will ask that question.

6.2 Library Cleaning: Currently the Gulf Coast Library still has the 2nd and 3rd floor closed, which is due to the library not wanting to add to the spread of COVID-19. The library plans to open the floors when the visitor count has shown a need for additional space (the 2nd and 3rd floors). However, both the faculty and students have expressed a need to be able to access the study areas (3rd floor). It was suggested that it would be

helpful to invite the President of the Student Government Association and Edward McCormack, Associate Dean for Gulf Coast Libraries, so any library questions could be answered.

6.3 GCFC Goals for 2020-2021: Due to the meeting time topic was not discussed

7.0 Next meeting: Friday, February 26, 2021, 9:00 am – 10:30 am Zoom

8.0 Announcements: Due to the meeting time topic was not discussed

9.0 Adjourn – 11:23 a.m.