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Gulf Coast Faculty Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
1 – 2:15 PM
Hardy Hall 346

1. Call to Order

Present: David Holt, Allisa Beck, Heidi Lyn, Jorge Brown, Emily Bes, H. Quincy Brown, Cynthia Chatham, Peter Dean, Danielle Greenhow, Karen Kohl, Kenneth Zantow, Tom Rishel.

Proxies: Tom Lansford (David Holt).

Absent: Lin Agler, Jacob Breland, Robert Leaf, Mary Coyne, Robert Griffitt, Maxim Van Norden.

2. Approval of past minutes (approved with no corrections)

3. Officer Reports

- President

- Provost Announced--Dr. Holt has invited him to come speak to the group soon. This may mean that the February or March meeting may have to be shifted to Wednesday in order to fit his coast schedule. An Academic Convocation was held last week. Some items from the meeting: Casey will remain as interim Associate Provost for at least the next year. Recruitment and international students are goals. There is a goal to have 5,000 students on the Gulf Coast by 2020. There is a May 1 deadline to have a new VP of Recruitment. How the online courses are counted was also discussed during the meeting. There has been some discussion about the operating hours for offices, shifting them to later times. The Learning Commons/Think Center organization is under discussion. They may be reworked to be under one umbrella. There is a focus on working with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in the Film Studies program.
- Blue Shield/ Blue Cross Grant for Community Health—It is a \$196,000 grant that will be used to look at the health and welfare of faculty, staff and students. Outdoor fitness areas, full-time fitness person, etc. There is a plan to have USM as a smoke-free campus by the end of 2016 (will include all tobacco products as well as e-cigarettes and ‘vaping’ products).
- Physical Plant Search--Still in progress.
- General Projects on Campus--EPA is moving base of operations to Southern Miss and it is hoped to locate it on the Gulf Park campus (in the Science Building). BP may fund the rebuilding of the pier (because there was a pier originally, the project would fall under ‘restoration’). The GC Geospatial Center may relocate here as well.

- President-elect (No report)
 - Secretary (No report)
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4. Guest Speaker – None
 5. Old Business
 - GCFC as Standing Committee--Still working on this.
 6. New Business
 - Elections Committee--Tom Rishel is chair of the election committee. H. Quincy Brown and Emily Bes are the other two members.
 7. Announcements
 - Welcome Week
 - College of Health is losing the Coaching Education program (HPR) after this semester.
 8. Adjourn

Upcoming Events/ Meetings:

Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 8, Apr 5, May 3 (if needed)