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Gulf Coast Faculty Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
1 – 2:15 PM
Hardy Hall 346

1. Call to Order

Present: David Holt, Heidi Lyn, Jorge Brown, Emily Bes, Lin Agler, Cynthia Chatham, Kenneth Zantow, Tom Rishel, Mary Coyne, Karen Kohl.

Proxies: Allisa Beck (Jorge Brown), Peter Dean (Jorge Brown), Danielle Greenhow (Heidi Lyn) Tom Lansford (David Holt).

Absent: Jacob Breland, Robert Leaf, Robert Griffitt, Maxim Van Norden; H. Quincy Brown.

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

3. Officer Reports

- President

- Dr. Holt read Senate Resolutions 8, a resolution in support of continuation of academic active searches for unfilled faculty position. Provost in full support of this resolution.
- Gordon Cannon has been invited to speak to GCFC. President is interested in research institutive for Coast. Some of the questions, are what lab space is needed? What research is being conduct on the coast and what is needed to continue research? How can the University assist Coast faculty with research? Dr. Cannon has not response to the invitation at this time.
- Provost and President thoughts on GCFC/ Senate
Email correspondence between Dr. Holt and Provost Moser concerning moving forward with recognition/ governance of the GCFC. Options discussed:
 - A. GCFC recognized as an advisory committee answerable to the President or Provost.
 - B. GCFC becomes part of Senate committee structure with only GC Senator on it
 - C. GCFC joins Senate as it stand with non-voting status for members not senators
 - D. GCFC remain as is recognized or not
 - E. GCFC remain as is recognized or not and Senator are placed on GC Senate committee.
 - F. Something else

Dr. Holt discussed the history of the process of seeking recognition. A reminder that a vote was taken for the GCFC as an

advisory committee. Response back from Dr. Moser was an encourage for the GCFC to consider an option that brings GCFC in line with shared governance of Faculty Senate while maintaining its advisory function. Provost and President hesitate to dictate form. Both the Provost and the President value the importance of the GCFC.

Dr. Holt presented the senate unofficial proposal for the GCFC becoming a standing committee of Senate. It is not currently in By-Law. Faculty Senate president feels that proposal would provide a single voice from the faculty. Senate concern that GCFC is duplicate shared governance

Benefits of a By-Laws sanction committee of Faculty Senate includes that it has to be on every agenda. Resolution coming out of committee do not require a second and therefore has the right to heard on the floor of Senate. Writing GCFC into the By-Law takes it out of hands of executive committee senate.

Part of the process that must be worked out with this process. GCFC must define memberships. As a committee can come up with own procedure. Chair would need to be senator. Council would need to be dissolve and slide into a permanent stance in Senate.

Discussion on the merits of the Faculty Senate unofficial proposal followed. It was determined that the proposal does not benefit the Gulf Coast. GCFC has no interested to pursue the senate committee avenue.

GCFC Reaffirms University Level Advisory committee reporting to President Call for the vote. Motion carried. Dr. Zantow will draft a resolution.

Discussion on the GC-SGA possible absorption into the Student Senate. SGA is seeking representation on the Student Senate. Further discussion on the role of the GC-SGA on the Gulf Park campus. GC-SGA President MacKenzie Irish will be invited to speak to the GCFC.

Brief discussion on the staff representation on the University Staff Council.

- - Provost thought on T/S/R requirements
 - Provost will be looking at Service and Research as well as Teaching.
 - Program Prioritization
 - Needs more transparency.
 - Without Chairs on the Gulf Coast there is no representation in this discussion.
- President-elect (No report)
- Secretary (No report)

- Secretary-elect (No report)
4. Guest Speaker – Interim Associate Provost Casey Maugh Funderburk
 - Student Environment discussion
 - Student Success
 - Student to GA ratios
 - Discussion of ADLT.
 - Faculty forum to solicited feedback, RSVP indicate possible high attendance.
 - Given authority to Interim Associate Provost to work more directly with the GC Associate Deans.
 5. Old Business
 - GCFC as Standing Committee discussion and action taken in President’s report.
 6. New Business
 - Elections Committee
 - Still waiting on list from head of Human Resource of Faculty currently employed in the University. This has placed all elections on hold.
 7. Announcements
 - Jazz and Blues Fest coming soon
 8. Adjourn

Upcoming Events/ Meetings:

Mar 8, Apr 5, May 3 (if needed)