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Gulf Coast Faculty Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 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, Mary Coyne, Tom Rishel, Kenneth Zantow.

Proxies: None

Absent: Lin Agler, Jacob Breland, Tom Lansford, Robert Leaf, Robert Griffitt, Maxim Van Norden.

2. Approval of past minutes: Jorge Brown had reported that the minutes from the February meeting were not available, so approval of the minutes was tabled.

3. Officer Reports

- President

- Associate Provost Search: Dr. Holt briefly discussed the proposed procedure. It has been announced that this will be an internal search. Dr. Holt read an e-mail that had been sent out from Dr. Moser asking for feedback re: the procedure. There was a suggestion that the GCFC give some feedback. There was a straw poll and the vote showed that everyone present would like an internal search.
- GC-SGA: There were hopes that the GCSGA president (MacKenzie Irish) would be a speaker at the meeting, but she was unable to attend. There has been some conflicts within the SGA between the current president and the rest of the group. Dr. Holt reported that he has been told that there are plans to combine the Coast SGA with the Hattiesburg SGA (the Coast group would be a standing committee).
- Other: Dr. Holt went over the priorities list that was created when Dr. Casey Maugh-Funderburk began as interim Associate Provost. 1. GCFC recognition. 2. Associate Provost for the GC and a permanent hire for the VP position, 3. GC faculty mentorship program (a brief discussion about what is meant by ‘mentorship’ followed).
- President-elect: Reported a meeting with her chair where her chair expressed a concern that he—and other chairs—were being left out of GCFC plans. The chairs would like more involvement with the process. Dr. Holt will send a letter to the interim provost asking for a list of chairs for coast programs and they will be included and invited.
- Secretary (no report)
- Secretary-elect (no report)

4. Guest Speaker – Ms. Irish, President, Coast SGA: Ms. Irish was unable to attend the meeting.
5. Old Business
 - GCFC as Standing Committee: There is a current resolution on the table. Should we move it forward or table for now? The main question now is whose purview should the GCFC would be under? There seems to be some confusion where some groups think that Academic Council and/or Faculty Senate would decide the role of the GCFC. Dr. Holt made the recommendation that we table the issue until we decide what our purview may be.
 - Elections: Tom Rishel reported that he has sorted out the ballot and sent it to committees/groups involved. The GCFC will be on the ‘main’ ballot for the second year in a row.
6. New Business
 - Defining the Purview of GCFC. Notes from the discussion that followed were made on a white board. Notes included:
 - Faculty point of contact-POC-on coast (routing issues to the appropriate body).
 - Faculty forum and voice for operations on the coast.
 - Faculty forum & voice for coordinating student affairs and events on the coast.
 - Provide forum and voice concerning Assoc. Provost on coast.
 - Facilitate communication and support for coast and social events.
 - Point of contact for routing issues to appropriate body.
 - Communication across college & teaching sites on coast.
 - Promote the general welfare of the coast faculty, staff and students.
 - Advise on policy development, program planning, resource allocations and budget as applicable to off-campus teaching sites.
 - Ensure representation to relevant committees.
 - When recognized as a group, include (at some meetings) staff and student representation (sub-body? Advisory Committees?).
 - Key: Be an ‘advocate’ for the coast, instead of ‘governing’.
The GCFC would be ‘one of the POC’, not the ‘only POC’.
7. Announcements
 - Jazz and Blues Fest
 - Next meeting will be April 5. Another meeting is scheduled for May 3 if needed.
 - Officer Elections: The group should consider names for the April meeting. A general call for nominations will be sent out by Dr. Holt. H. Quincy Brown and his committee will work to get nominations for president-elect and secretary-elect.

- There was a brief discussion about the process involved in the upcoming Administrative evaluations: Is rank shown? Are evaluations divided up between Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast?
- ADLT will meet tomorrow and GCFC is invited. All members are encouraged to attend if possible.

8. Adjourn

Upcoming Events/ Meetings:

Apr 5, May 3 (if needed)