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Gulf Coast Faculty Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
1 – 2:15 PM
Hardy Hall 346

1. Call to Order

Present: David Holt, Allisa Beck, Jorge Brown, Lin Agler, Emily Bes, H. Quincy Brown, Cynthia Chatham, Peter Dean, Danielle Greenhow, Tom Lansford, Karen Kohl, Mary Coyne, Tom Rishel and Jennifer Anderson.

Proxies: None

Absent: Heidi Lyn, Jacob Breland, Robert Leaf, Robert Griffitt, Maxim Van Norden, Kenneth Zantow.

2. Approval of past minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were approved with no changes.

3. Guest Speaker – Ms. MacKenzie Irish, President, Coast SGA and representatives of Coast SGA: Spoke about the planned changes in the organization of the SGA on the Coast. Decisions that affect both campuses would be dealt with by the Hattiesburg SGA with votes from the Coast senators. One concern is that with the majority of voting members in Hattiesburg, the coast is likely to be outvoted on every issue. Also, the upcoming coast SGA election has been halted. The coast SGA budget will remain separate (according to Dr. Miller). One stipulation by the coast is to have a double-quorum rule: There must be a quorum by the coast and by Hattiesburg for any meeting to continue (if no quorum by both groups, the meeting would be tabled). Suggestion made that the Faculty Council show official support for having the meeting between HB and GC to discuss issues with student input on another day besides Friday morning (when there are no classes and no students on campus). There was also a suggestion that this entire issue be delayed for some time in order to study the situation and obtain some more information. There was a question as to whether or not GCRL and Stennis are counted in with the coast student population (the total population determines how many SGA senators that are allowed).

4. Officer Reports

- President

- SGA GP: Discussed the suspension of coast SGA elections, whether or not the issue is under the purview of either the GC Faculty Council or the Senate, and the origins of the coast SGA (first president in 2001). Also GCFC members were urged to attend the SGA meeting scheduled to discuss issues.
- Purview: A handout of the unofficial list was distributed to the group and discussed. The question is: What is the Council doing that Senate, Academic Council, etc. aren't doing? The group was asked to look over the list and eliminate anything that is redundant

to what the other groups do. Dr. Holt suggested that we do not move our current constitution forward, but to wait until we are a recognized body and re-work the constitution to reflect this. Members were asked to look over the distributed purview and send input in time for the next Senate meeting.

- Academic Leadership Council: GCFC has been invited to participate in this group. It will be made up of elected officers from each participating group. Faculty Senate, Academic Council, Council of Chairs, GCFC. The group will meet two Mondays each month (including summer), one meeting with faculty and one including deans. The GCFC president and president-elect will attend. The secretary and secretary-elect could be included, but it was decided that only president and president-elect would attend at this time.
- Teaching Track: Is moving forward. The provost is for: Teaching Assistant Professor or Associate Teaching Professor. Briefly discussed where faculty holding Master's where Doctorate is terminal degree would be in this category—they would not. There will be a three step process for non-terminal degree holders in their field. Each department will set their criteria for promotion.
- Firearm Policy: Faculty Senate met in emergency session to discuss the issue. Need to work with IHL to define public versus private space on campus.
- President-elect: No report.
- Secretary: No report.
- Secretary-elect: No report.

5. Old Business

- Defining the Purview of GCFC: (discussed above)
- Elections: There are delays in elections at this time. Elections will happen before the end of May. Faculty Senate president Anderson will send out an e-mail to alert everyone when the 'super ballot' goes out (since it sometimes ends up in junk mail folders).

6. New Business

- Academic Leadership Council membership: At this time, it will be the president and president-elect representing the council.
- Officer Nominations/ Election: Nomination of Peter Dean for secretary-elect; and Ken Zantow for president-elect. The official election will be at the May 3rd meeting.
- Dr. Holt will try to set up a meeting with Dr. Miller to discuss the SGA issue.

7. Announcements

8. Adjourn

Upcoming Events/ Meetings:

May 3