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AGENDA
Gulf Coast Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 29
11:45 – 12:45 PM
Teams and University Club

Present: Holt, Lamey, Rouse, Stanfield, Mistretta, Leaf, Agler, Funk, Zantow, Zhang, Zhou, Davis, Rishel (via proxy from K. Lamey), Wu, Naquin, Anderson, Franke, Lansford,

- Meeting called to order by President David Holt
- Motion to accept the agenda; second; motion carries unanimously
- Motion to Accept Planning Meeting minutes; second; motion carries unanimously
- Motion to approve August 2021 minutes; second; motion carries unanimously
- Program - Jacob Breland - Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - Gulf Park now officially reorganized
 - Dr. Breland (see above) and Dr. Campbell have new titles to concentrate on Gulf Park and Stennis Center
 - All Gulf Park services remain without change
 - Floor opened for questions
 - How do faculty interact with Dr. Breland and what role does he have with faculty?
 - Main faculty interactions are with their deans.
 - Role with students: mental health crises, food needs, Career Services, Student Affairs, academic success. Faculty remain 1st line to students→then their director→then Dr. Breland
 - Academic standards flow school directors and deans
 - Title is interim position. Timeline to do a search or remove Interim from title?
 - Provost retirement significant, as changes at this time are unknown regarding interim status of Dr. Breland, or any type of search for the position
 - What programs is the Coast now offering after the reorganization?
 - Faculty make these decisions at the school level, while Dr. Breland and Dr. Campbell support programs and help to market them
 - What is Vision 2020 going forward?
 - Program development will take 3-5 years
 - Programs to be aligned toward 3 pillars
 - Total implementation takes years, but begins at the school level
 - Provost and school directors meet with Breland and Campbell about programs and targeting marketing
 - How do we move forward with only planning for future and no action for programs and future classes, especially with Provost Moser retiring?
 - Continue to make program and class plans and prepare for them
 - Best plans require changes over time

- 1. Room Assignments and use: will require creativity with spaces, as many classes will need to move from Science Building to FEC and other buildings
 - Question asked about room assignments, room bookings and who is in charge of this process. Could workload be spread over departments, and not from 1 department only?
 - Dr. Breland is over this. Robin Johnson and Dr. Breland manage spaces together to allocate classrooms based on need of the class, size, technology, etc.
 - COVID, space needs, UPD must be informed, Event Services has events, FEC has issues after Hurricane Ida
 - FEC lost many spaces for classes, computer lab
 - Resistance to change needs to be brought to Dr. Breland, as there may be reasons a room is empty, moves may be necessary, all requests for space changes have been denied due to the above
- 2. Remediation Issues: January will begin library and science building remediation from Zeta and Ida damages (see above)
- 3. VP AA GP Position responsibilities
- Officer Reports:
 - President (Holt):
 - COLT meeting 09/07/21
 - Issues on shared notes in Teams: Ida response, changing classrooms, formal complaints issued about requiring classes to move online and returning to campus while hurricane issues still present.
 - President-Elect: Davis: no report
 - Secretary (Stanfield): no report
 - Secretary-Elect: Lamey: no report
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Nominations for Undergraduate Council
 - Motion to accept Jamie Stanfield; second; motion carries unanimously
 - Nominations for Ad Hoc Committee on Coast Remediation
 - Marlene Naquin nominated. Move to close nomination; second; motion carries unanimously
 - Motion to accept Marlene Naquin; second; motion carries unanimously
 - Report from Ad Hoc Committee for GCFC Representation
 - Lamey reported: Coastal Reorg. also changed GC representation in Faculty Senate
 - Some faculty may not have a school at GP but teach here, or may be aligned with schools in Hattiesburg—changes GCFC representation

- Discussion about representation from various fields, but have an at-large group with a representative
- Dr. Holt asked for report of immediate changes in faculty on the Coast and GCFC will likely need to change our bylaws and recommendations from the committee
- SoCR and Gulf Coast Program Development Update
 - 3 programs actively pursued
 - Data Analytics, BS (between IDS or SoCR)
 - Train students to deal with big data from math, geography, CJ and other sciences
 - Sustainability Studies BA
 - Desire for Film Studies to be included here
 - Sustainability Science BS (Coastal System Dynamics) includes geography, biology majors and others
 - Meeting to begin planning SoCR programs next week
 - Hope to have these approved by IHL by August 2022
- Faculty Senate Update
 - Lamey report: Oct. 1 meeting
 - Sept. Meeting: Dr. D. Anderson presented: Increase in vaccinations, testing data.
 - Questions about raises and how it was calculated
 - Senate asking for additional information
 - Dr. Holt mentioned how the averages were created, based on time in service, gender and spent money until it was used
 - Lamey discussed Hurricane Ida and return to campus issues with Senate
- Announcements
 - President Holt needs record of absence for last 2 meetings
 - Next meeting November 3, 11:45 Gulf Coast Library RM 203. Lunch provided.
- Adjourn

Jamie Stanfield