

Gordon Ford College of Business

Administrative Council Meeting

Via Zoom

Thursday, April 30, 2020

9:00 am

Members present: Drs. Ray Blankenship, Indu Chhachhi, Lukas Forbes, Bob Hatfield, Alex Lebedinsky, Mark Ross, Evelyn Thrasher, and Chris Shook, presiding.

Dr. Chris Shook asked for approval of the minutes from the April 23, 2020 meeting. Dr. Bob Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes after a question regarding the Board of Regents curriculum approvals, and Dr. Ray Blankenship seconded. The minutes were approved with no change.

Dr. Shook asked the chairs to share good news going on in the departments.

- Dr. Shook took a moment to thank Dr. Hatfield for his time serving as the Interim Management Department Chair.
- He also congratulated Ms. Amy Jewell and Dr. Evelyn Thrasher for their efforts on hosting our college's first Zoom session for admitted GFCB students. Due to its success, having another session hosted by our GFCB Ambassadors is being considered.
- Current fall enrollment numbers still look good for GFCB.
- Dr. Shook thanked Ms. Nicola Sparks, Ms Wendi Kelley, and Dr. Evelyn Thrasher for their work on our GFCB Red Towel project. We are sending out GFCB red towels to students who have been admitted to the college and asking them to post something on social media.
- The virtual awards banquet went over well with students. We have heard lots of positive feedback. Looking ahead, Dr. Shook encouraged GFAC members to think about how we will do things differently.

Dr. Shook provided a few updates from CAD (Council of Academic Deans):

- We are waiting for further instruction from the provost how to move programs forward. There is some confusion on the parameters for presenting programs to the Board of Regents.
- The President's task forces are ongoing.
 - The impact the pandemic will have on our athletic programs are being contemplated.
 - The task force over facilities are looking into ways how to reopen classes safely.
 - The task force over academics are studying things such as campus density, bi-term offerings, etc. Suggestions were offered and discussed how to address the concern of students' health and safety while attending classes on campus.
 - Student engagement is also being studied.
- Potential budget issues were discussed.

Dr. Thrasher asked the department chairs if they have been using Google Voice in place of having office phones. She explained some of the benefits (cost saving, for example). She explained that Mr. Jesse Willcut can assist in setting up the service if they are interested.

Dr. Shook shared that Graduate Assistantships are being affected by the COVID 19 pandemic. Summer GA positions are disallowed. Dr. Shook asked the department chairs their GA needs for fall. There was conversation of how to fund GA positions for the fall.

The GFCB Strategic Planning Task Force and the GFCB Core Curriculum Task Force have been launched.

We are planning to do a video celebrating our GFCB graduates. Ms. Stacey Gish will be coordinating this effort.

We will be hosting an open forum through Zoom on May 5. Only a few questions have been submitted so far. The dean asked the department chairs their thoughts on conversation topics.

The Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation will likely go on hiatus. Our Student Success colleagues will move to that space as it is better suited for serving the students effectively and safely.

Dr. Thrasher publicly thanked our advisors for their service during this time. She asked the department chairs, and discussion occurred, of what they see as the advisor's role in class enrollment.

The P/D/F policy states that the faculty member will assign a letter grade for each student. It will then be adjusted to P/D/F/ if that was the students' choice. The only grade that can be used for future decisions is the final grade on the transcript.

Dr. Thrasher thanked everyone for their help in reviewing the Centers and Programs. The final one for consideration is the Center for Professional Selling and Dr. Shook will complete that review soon. She will follow up with the chairs regarding the evaluations feedback.

Dr. Ross asked how the P/D/F grades will count when applying it to the student's major. The GFAC members were encouraged to be generous with the students for this semester, given our current situation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. The next GFAC meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2020 at 9:00 am via Zoom.