

Gordon Ford College of Business
Leadership Team Meeting
Via Zoom
Thursday, October 1, 2020
9:00 am

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

Dr. Chris Shook asked for approval of the minutes from the September 24, 2020 meeting. Dr. Ray Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes, and Dr. Indu Chhachhi seconded. The minutes were approved with no change.

Dr. Chhachhi congratulated Dr. Ron Rhoades for receiving the Frankel Fiduciary Prize 2020 Award on Tuesday.

Our Admissions Office has scheduled Head for the Hill events. Dr. Shook asked the Leadership Team their thoughts on participating during these events. In the past, the department chairs felt it was an inefficient use of their time.

There are updated AACSB Accreditation requirements that include faculty members with terminal degrees. The Standard 9 ties in to the GFCB mission of regional and international focus. The biggest task we face is in terms of ratios for faculty qualifications within each of our disciplines. Dr. Chhachhi, Dr. Whitney Peake, and Dr. Evelyn Thrasher will begin a draft of identifying faculty qualifications and how they align to our disciplines. A spreadsheet has been provided for guidance. Brief discussion occurred regarding qualification guidelines. These records will also assist us in meeting SACS requirements.

Dr. Alex Lebedinsky reviewed the three levels of the Colonnade Program. He demonstrated his concerns with the Connections courses requirements and explained his thoughts on including more courses from the college. Conversation occurred about the challenges of offering additional GFCB courses in the Colonnade Program. The department chairs were encouraged to look at their courses and see what they think could be added to the program offering.

Dr. Mark Ross asked about classroom assignments. Dr. Thrasher explained she sent the spreadsheet to Ms. Jessica Steenbergen, who is working on making the arrangements. She will continue to work out the details with the office associates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am. The next GFAC meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2020 at 9:00 am via Zoom.