

Gordon Ford College of Business

Administrative Council Meeting

Grise Hall 443

Thursday, January 30, 2020

9:00 am

Members present: Drs. Ray Blankenship, 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 January 24, 2020 meeting. Dr. Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes, and Dr. Blankenship seconded. The minutes were approved with no change.

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

- Dr. Lebedinsky shared there has been a speedy turnaround in hiring their preferred candidate for the Economics Department. Dr. Shook thanked Dr. Thrasher for her assistance in moving things forward..

Dr. Evelyn Thrasher explained the issues around MATH 116/MATH 150 at Regional Campuses to GFAC members. She asked them to consider accepting MATH 116 for meeting the requirement to be admitted into the college. They agreed to accept MATH 116. It was suggested to reach out to the Math department to possibly offer MATH 123 at the Regional Campuses. Dr. Thrasher agreed to follow up with them about future offerings.

Dr. Shook brought up the topic of department chair evaluations. The process will remain the same. He suggests the chairs should stress their goals and what they want to achieve.

Dr. Shook discussed his vision for philanthropy efforts, moving forward. He asked for GFAC members to assist by providing contact information of possible prospective donors.

Efficient allocation of resources was a topic brought up by Dr. Shook. He asked for chairs to be aware of class enrollments and to predict the number of students per level (Freshman, Sophomore, etc) to help with future course offerings. Dr. Thrasher will run reports in mid spring to look at fall numbers.

Dr. Shook asked the Leadership Team about their thoughts regarding the annual awards banquet. They provided feedback of what has been done in the past, what was successful, and how we can update future banquets. It will be discussed further at a later GFAC meeting.

In terms of departmental updates:

- Dr. Lebedinsky shared he and the Economics Department is pleased with the new faculty hire.

- Dr. Hatfield shared the Management Department assisted with the ‘Welcome Back’ tables on the second floor, helping students to find their classes during the first two days of the semester. They recently had a staff meeting that went very well. The department has a ‘University Distinguished Professor’ award and designation meeting on Monday.
- Dr. Blankenship explained the Information Systems Department has seven graduate courses that are going through the University’s Graduate Curriculum Committee..They will be offering Graduate Data Analytics Certificate and Graduate Cyber Security Analytics Program.
- Dr. Forbes shared that the Marketing Department has successful continuances of faculty.
- Dr. Ross shared the Accounting Department is fully staffed and ready for the semester.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 am. The next GFAC meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2020 at 9:00 am in GH 443.