

**Gordon Ford College of Business**

Administrative Council Meeting

Grise Hall 443

Friday, January 24, 2020

**9:00 am**

Members present: Drs. Ray Blankenship, Indudeep Chhachhi, Lukas Forbes, Bob Hatfield, Alex Lebedinsky, Mark Ross, Evelyn Thrasher, and Chris Shook, presiding. Dr. Dana Cosby, guest

Dr. Chris Shook asked for approval of the minutes from the January 15, 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 Hatfield explained the Management Department had a great departmental meeting following the college wide retreat..
- Dr. Chhachhi mentioned the Finance Department also had a great meeting following the college wide retreat.

Dr. Dana Cosby provided an update for the MBA Program, laying out the direction it is heading and goals she wishes to achieve with the program. She has put together a curriculum proposal that maps out the MBA core courses. She explained how the program will address student's need as far as flexibility, real world application, career services, and specializations. The new MBA Program design with the revised tracks was also described. She shared her thoughts of growing the program by offering things such as customized programs for large employees and additional new tracks. Delivery methods and requirements as well as faculty participation/compensation were discussed.

In terms of departmental updates:

Dr. Mark Ross shared the Accounting Department met with BKD at a recent luncheon. Ms. Monica Duvall, Ms. Stacey Gish, and Ms. Adrienne Browning also attended the luncheon and presented.

Dr. Ray Blankenship mentioned the Information Systems Department met and are supportive of the anticipated curriculum changes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. The next GFAC meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2020 at 9:00 am in GH 443.