

GFAC Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2009

The Gordon Ford College of Business Administrative Council met at 9:30 a.m. in Grise Hall 443. Bob Hatfield, Chris Brown, Bill Davis, Rick Shannon, Bob Reber, Jeff Butterfield, John Wassom, Zubair Mohamed, Steve Wells, Michelle Trawick and Bill Tallon were present.

Dr. Tallon opened the meeting and asked for announcements.

Dr. Hatfield said he met with Dr. Bowker about increasing graduate studies travel to conferences. Dr. Davis suggested talking to them about streamlining the process for support to these conferences. Dr. Hatfield said he suggested adding money for faculty to travel with the students. Dr. Tallon asked to put this on the next meeting's agenda to discuss how we can increase travel related to research and utilize Graduate Studies' funds.

Dr. Brown announced they are working on some curriculum changes in Finance. Dr. Reber said he will check with Freida Eggleston about the new 120-hour rule.

Dr. Mohamed said they are going forward with a search for PQ person.

Dr. Wassom said he is taking care of assessments for Dr. McElroy.

Dr. Davis announced they are working on the BB&T search and the ODE Awards Banquet.

Dr. Wells said they are planning the Beta Alpha Psi banquet.

Kristina passed out information for the awards banquet and asked for award recipient names to be turned in at the next meeting. Dr. Reber asked each department head to appoint one faculty member to serve on the Awards Committee.

Dr. Tallon asked the department chairs to give Advising (Pat Jordan) names for career mentors from their department. He also said to get Pat bullet points for the Ambassadors from each department.

Minutes from January 29, 2009 were approved.

Dr. Tallon announced that he would like to form a faculty teaching excellence committee. This committee will help with the grant process and develop best practices. He asked the chairs for suggestions for representatives.

Dr. Tallon announced that he made a proposal to Hays Watkins for two fellowships; one in research and one in teaching. The winners will get a \$10,000 stipend for two or 3 years and \$2,000 in professional development per year. Dr. Tallon asked for suggestions for the guidelines. Dr. Reber suggested having the chairs as the selection committee.

Dr. Reber asked for names for the assurance of learning committee. Dr. Mohamed suggested Shane Spiller from his department. Dr. Shannon would like to continue serving. Dr. Butterfield said Dr. Coleman will continue. The committee will meet once a semester.

Dr. Tallon gave an update on the new building. He met with the architects yesterday. The University side of the building will be more traditional in design. The building committee will meet on Monday, February 23 at 10 a.m. in Grise Hall 441. Discussion was held regarding a university computer lab in the new building.

The Dean announced that the President will keep the 4% budget cut presented.

Dr. Tallon reviewed the list of upcoming events.

- February 27th - KEN-TENN Meeting –please let Kristina know if you plan to attend.
- March 5th – FBLA Meeting – we will keep you posted on judges needed.
- April 3rd – Bracken Darrell, President, Whirlpool Europe – Lecture, 10:20 am – please be available or send a representative to Breakfast at 8:30 in Garret Executive Dining Room.
- April 7th – Pearse Lyons, President, Alltech – Lecture, 10:00 am – Please be available or send a representative to lunch at 11:15 at the Faculty House.
- April 8th – Beta Gamma Sigma Induction – Dr. Tallon has invited Joe Natcher to speak.
- April 22nd – Business Careers Day
- April 24th – GFCB Awards Banquet
- April 25th – GFCB Women’s Conference

The Dean announced tuition will go up at the most 4%. Another change, anything over 15 hours will cost \$20 per credit hour.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.