

Gordon Ford Administrative Council

Thursday, March 19, 2009

The GFAC met on Thursday, March 19, 2009 in Grise Hall 443 at 9 a.m. Members present included Michelle Trawick, Chris Brown, Bill Davis, John Wassom, Rick Shannon, Steve Wells, Bob Reber, Jeff Butterfield, Zubair Mohamed and Bill Tallon.

Dr. Tallon passed out the Proposed FY10 Parking Changes. He asked the department chairs to let him know any feedback before Monday for him to share with Dr. Burch.

The Dean asked the chairs to give him any feedback on the early Spring Break.

Dr. Mohamed announced International Business has gone through the curriculum committee. Some of the entrepreneurship classes will now have an ENT prefix.

Dr. Brown asked if everyone received a library budget cut. He suggests cutting print journals that are now available online. He also mentioned he's had a request to cross list BUS 160 with FIN 261. Instead he is going to ask them to list it as FIN 161. Discussion was held regarding general education.

Dr. Davis announced the BB&T search will be concluding soon. He put together some bullet points for a donor last week at Jennifer's request.

Dr. Shannon said the sales PQ search is underway.

Dr. Wells expressed concerns about certain questions in the WKUSES. Number 11 is confused with the Career Services. Number 9 asks about advising by your department which is now under Pat.

The minutes from February 12, 2009 were approved.

Dr. Tallon announced that regarding the budget there will be a 4% budget cut. The state will take 2% with 2% in a budget reserve. The Governor has until August to take up to 5%. There will be a 4% tuition increase. There will be a bonus of 1.25% of your salary with a minimum of \$500 and maximum \$1,000 distributed. There will not be a salary increase. Dr. Davis asked if there is a way to take the bonus as professional development.

Regarding department faculty websites, Dr. Tallon mentioned that Cody is here to help with your needs, but as far as designing personal web sites for faculty, it is at the bottom of his list. Dr. Tallon will talk to Cody about guidelines and templates for the department websites.

Dr. Tallon distributed guidelines for "Gordon Ford Scholars" that he would like to implement. Discussion was held and it was agreed you must be admitted to college and the GPAs are cumulative to the business GPA and University GPA.

The Dean distributed an email regarding honorary doctorate degrees and asked for suggestions. Dr. Wells suggested Jimmie Gipson. Dr. Reber and Dr. Tallon suggested Jerry Baker. It was decided that Jerry Baker will be the GFCB nominee.

Dr. Tallon distributed guidelines for the Hays Watkins fellowships. Discussion was held. A presentation was suggested for the application process. He asked the chairs to look over the handout and give him feedback at the next meeting. The plan is to launch this fall of 2010.

In regards to summer grants, the Dean announced there have been 10 applications submitted and there are funds available for 6.

Dr. Tallon announced the college has a new set of architects for the new building. Ross Tarrant will now be working with us. They are the same firm working on the College of Education. RT has taken the notes from the process up to this point and hopes to not lose any time.

The Dean announced Kristina will send out a poll regarding the summer retreat in July for GFAC.

Dr. Tallon reviewed future events for the month of April. He asked the chairs to join him for coffee on April 3 at 9 a.m. in his conference room with Bracken Darrell. Darrell will speak at 10:20 in the auditorium. Dr. Mohamed requested a video of these presentations and Dr. Tallon said he will look into it. On Tuesday, April 7, he invited the chairs to lunch with Pearse Lyons. The presentation will be at 10 a.m. in the auditorium.

Kristina distributed a draft of the awards banquet program and asked for changes. She announced that recognition letters and bio sheets will be mailed this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.