

**Gordon Ford College of Business**

Leadership Team Meeting

GH 443

Thursday, June 24, 2021

**9:00 am**

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

Dr. Shook asked for approval of the minutes from the June 2, 2021 meeting. Dr. Ray Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes, and Dr. Lukas Forbes seconded. The minutes were approved with no change.

Dr. Chhachhi is excited to share that the Finance Department is hosting a camp next week and they are welcoming 16 students. He expressed his appreciation towards Mr. Zach Jones on his efforts to ensure a successful camp.

Dr. Ross shared that Beta Alpha Psi obtained “Superior” status again this year.

Dr. Shook reminded the Leadership Team the university has two new deans coming to campus in the next few weeks, as well as a new provost. He mentioned GFCB has made great progress towards hiring a communication and marketing person, so they should be able to join the college soon.

Dr. Thrasher mentioned the college is welcoming six new faculty members this fall.

The Council of Academic Deans met recently, and Dr. Shook provided a brief update. Dr. Bruce Schulte, Associate VP for Strategy, Performance and Accountability, has asked to be included in departmental strategic plan updates. CAD also reviewed policies for updates.

Regarding the scheduling of classes for the fall, the colonnade course availability is a struggle. Classes are not available for freshman to register. Classes or sections need to be added to accommodate incoming students. There was conversation regarding how best to address the capacity of courses and efficiencies.

Clerical responsibilities are going to be reassessed throughout the GFCB offices, both in departmental offices and advisor tasks. Department chairs will be contacted for additional details.

SACS requires office support staff to be evaluated annually, therefore all staff that reports to Academic Affairs must be reviewed. The last evaluations timeframe concluded on June 30, 2020. The current date open for review is July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Dr. Thrasher will send a reminder email with dates to department chairs. The dean will meet with department chairs for their evaluation, and chairs will meet with their office support staff.

GFCB was asked to pilot a portfolio in Chalk and Wire and Dr. Thrasher agreed to examine the program. She gave a background of the program's offerings and explained how it can assist with student and faculty data. She presented a demonstration to the Leadership Team of how Chalk and Wire functions. Discussion occurred as she asked for input of content and other items that should be included in our portfolio. Based on the feedback received, Dr. Thrasher will update our Chalk and Wire portfolio and present it to the chairs for a second review.

The college's AACSB review will be during the 22-23 school year. We don't have a specific date at this time. Dr. Thrasher is collecting data and will be reaching out to the leadership team for contributions. Standard 9 -Societal Impact is new and fits well with our 'applied college' approach. This will include impacts on students, local businesses, our community, etc. She emailed the leadership team several examples of what could be including in the report. Dr. Thrasher asked each department chair to send her five examples of what they are doing within their departments that could be included in the new standard. She will use them to derive the primary themes of outreach for GFCB.

Our GFCB fall college-wide faculty and staff meeting will be held on August 18, at the Knicely Center, Room 163B. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am and the meeting begins at 9:00am. We will also host a family social at Covington Woods Park from 4:00pm – 6:00pm. We will have a catered meal of BBQ.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 9:00 am, in the Dean's Conference Room, GH 443.