

Gordon Ford College of Business
Leadership Team Meeting
Via Zoom
Thursday, February 3, 2022
9:00 am

Members present: Drs. Ray Blankenship, Indu Chhachhi, Lukas Forbes, Alex Lebedinsky, Whitney Peake, Mark Ross, Evelyn Thrasher, and Chris Shook, presiding. Provost Bud Fischer, guest.

Provost Fischer thanked the GFCB Leadership Team for allowing him to join their meeting. He shared what he feels the university is doing well, where we can adjust, his vision for the university, and his prioritized goals. A Q&A session occurred.

Dr. Peake moved and Dr. Blankenship seconded a motion for approval of the minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously without change.

The Center for Financial Success is partnering with ACDC. The Center coaches are working with over 20 at-risk students to help them stay at WKU.

The IS Department is interviewing several faculty candidates this week. They have a good pool of applicants.

Dr. Thrasher gave the Leadership Team an advising team update.

Dr. Ross shared his concerns over the university's scheduling of the spring semesters. He was pleased to announce a counter has been installed on the fifth floor for the students. They are now able to study and charge their electronic devices.

Currently, the Business LLC has 97 applications for Fall 2022.

Dr. Shook provided several CAD and general updates:

- The Provost has requested to be notified in writing when there is a new request in Interview Exchange. He would appreciate some patience when the initial paperwork is being processed.
- DELO is going to be reorganized and will function as a service provider.
- The LLCs are doing well.
- Our enrollment numbers are about the same as they were this time last year and the year before. Our yield, however, is looking better.
- The military tuition discount has been extended to NOAH and US Public Health officers.
- There is discussion of an office for undergraduate research.
- Dr. Randy Capps passed away recently.

There are three majors and several certificates in the que for Monday's curriculum meeting. Departments must have revisions turned in for the March meeting if they are to be considered for the fall semester. Most courses that have already been approved are beginning to show up in DegreeWorks. Dr. Thrasher is working with Ms. Monica Duvall and Ms. Janie Pruitt to send out communication to our students regarding program changes.

Update on the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Outreach – Dr. Lebedinsky will lead the search. Dean Shook is currently working on the job description. Discussion occurred of the expected roles of the program coordinators and the Associate Dean.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 9:00 am, in the Dean's Conference Room, GH 443.