

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

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

Dr. Thrasher welcomed Dr. Dana Cosby to the group.

The Dean would like to complete a course scheduling review. He is willing to go to CAD and Provost Fischer to advocate on behalf of the college for how classes are offered. We've got to look at our processes and what makes sense moving forward into the new building. Ms. Duvall shared several notes she's discovered from other universities and various conversations. Discussion occurred and some suggestions were given for class offering options. Dr. Thrasher will reach out to Dr. Tuesdi Helbig for assistance in running reports to help make determinations. The chairs are asked to provide Dr. Shook with their department's data and the reasoning why classes need to be offered in certain ways. He will take that information forward.

Dr. Whitney Peake moved and Dr. Ray Blankenship seconded a motion for approval of the minutes from April 28, 2022. Minutes were approved unanimously without change.

Dr. Ross shared that Kaleb Morgan received the "Elijah Watt Sells Award" for 2021 top CPA Exam performers. Of the more than 72,000 that took the exam in 2021, only 57 met the criteria for the award. The criteria requires a cumulative average score of 95.5% across all four sections on their first attempt and completed testing during 2021. Kaleb was the only person from Kentucky or from a Kentucky university.

The Pop Up Board was so impressed with the Management students' presentations that they would like to hire 4 student interns for Fall 2022. Once the job postings are up, Dr. Peake will pass word along to the chairs and requests they let their students know about the openings.

The university recent held a transfer workshop. Dr. Thrasher and Ms. Janie Pruitt attended along with about forty other people from local community colleges. Each WKU college was able to present to the group for thirty minutes. A packet was presented to attendees by the WKU Transfer Center and GFCB information was included for all of our GFCB programs. Vol State said they could send us many students if more of our programs were offered fully online.

The GFCB Fellowship Policy was reviewed and edit suggestions were given from the chairs.

There is a bit of restructuring going on within the college:

- The advisors (Ashley, Janie, Lisa, Amy, and student workers) are moving to the second floor, Rm 234 suite.
- Monica, Adrienne, and Nicola are moving to the fourth floor, Rm 434 A suite.
- Dana and Leslie are moving into the current advising area, Rm 449. Janie's old office will be a collaboration/meeting area.
- Liz is moving into Ashley's old office.
- Wendi will be moving to where the student workers are currently located.

The entry to the office will be moved to the side (449). This is an attempt to think about our future space and test what may work best.

Guidance and consistency of our travel and professional development policy is needed. It was suggested that a spreadsheet be put together so all members of the leadership team can see each person's Professional

Development and Travel funds. Dr. Thrasher will follow up with Ms. Jenna Aikins about requests made versus actual expenses, and what information would be helpful for her reports. The new policy will be effective July 1.

The Leadership Team may be getting an email request from Dr. Bruce Schulte regarding the Ford Automotive Blue Oval Project. He will likely be asking for program information, so please respond quickly.

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