

Gordon Ford College of Business
Administrative Council Meeting
Grise Hall 443
Thursday, November 22, 2019
1:00 pm

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

Dr. Chris Shook asked for approval of the minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting. Dr. Lukas Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes, and Dr. Ray Blankenship made a second motion. The minutes were approved with no change.

Dr. Shook asked the chairs to share good news going on in the departments:

- Dr. Indu Chhachhi explained that the Center for Financial Success will partner with WKU's Financial Aid department, helping students manage their personal finances.
- Dr. Alex Lebedinsky mentioned that Seth Newby, Finance student, was awarded an internship opportunity with Vanguard.
- Dr. Lukas Forbes shared the Center for Professional Selling received reaccreditation certification this week from the University Sales Center Alliance.
- Dr. Shook thanked everyone for coming out to the Holiday Social. Dr. Shook explained that the College of Business is up 18% for first time freshman. Applications are up across the board.

Dr. Thrasher posed the updated version of the Endowed Professor Policy and financial package. Discussion occurred regarding verbiage for teaching loads. Dr. Hatfield made a motion and Dr. Forbes seconded the motion to grandfather current faculty to be held accountable by the current policy and update at their appointment renewal. All new appointees and re-appointees would be under the updated policy. Dr. Thrasher will revise the policy's wording and will follow up with GFAC members for final vote. 7 voted in favor, 1 voted against moving forward with this plan.

Dr. Thrasher asked the GFAC members to discuss 'manuscript acceptance' versus 'published' as part of faculty evaluations and faculty qualification guidelines. It was agreed that 'acceptance' is appropriate.

Centers and program evaluations are due to the Dean's Office on February 1. Department chair evaluations are also due February 1.

Dr. Shook provide updates from Council of Academic Deans (CAD):

- The transitional retirement program is still available, but only if the faculty member chose the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) and is limited to one year.

In terms of departmental updates:

- Dr. Lebedinsky mentioned the Economics department will be hosting a poster session on Monday, November 25th, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. All are invited to attend.
- Dr. Hatfield mentioned the Management faculty searches continue.

- Dr. Chhachhi shared the Finance Department faculty search is on-going.
- Dr. Mark Ross congratulated Mr. Aaron Jacobs, a senior Accounting major is the Ogden Scholar for the university.
- Dr. Blankenship mentioned that Dr. Lily Zhuhadar's students will be presenting their poster session on Wednesday, December 11th.

After Dr. Lebedinsky and Dr. Chhachhi stepped out of the meeting, Dr. Thrasher presented the Summer 2020 Aim High Grant recipients for approval. There were 18 applications submitted and approved by the research committee. Dr. Hatfield made a motion and Dr. Forbes seconded the motion to approve the committees' recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. The next GFAC meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2019 at 9:00 am in GH 443.