

Gordon Ford College of Business
Leadership Team Meeting
Via Zoom
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
9:00 am

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

Dr. Shook asked for approval of the minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting. Dr. Ray Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes, and Dr. Lukas Forbes seconded. The minutes were approved with no change.

Dr. Blankenship mentioned the Information Systems Department is currently advancing through the process of hiring an instructor

Dr. Chhachhi shared the Center for Financial Success has hired a program manager.

Dr. Lebedinsky explained several student successes in the Economics Department. They include a student earning the Ogden Scholar Award, being accepted into law school, and accepting an internship. He expressed how proud he was of their accomplishments.

Dean Shook and the Leadership Team discussed the recent PDF Options that were presented to the colleges. The department chairs discussed how best to address the letter grade vs. PDF qualification options for GFCB students. Concerns of unintended consequences and how this will affect our students' GPAs was examined. Dr. Chhachhi had developed a draft guideline for the PDF options for GFCB which was provided to the Leadership Team, who, in turn provided feedback for updating the guidelines. Drs. Chhachhi, Shook and Thrasher will work on the final version and will email it to the chairs by this afternoon. The Leadership Team can then email their full-time and part-time faculty members the guidelines. Dr. Thrasher will follow up with Dr. Pat Jordan, GFCB Student Services, with direction to refer student inquiries back to the departments.

Winter 2021 classes and DELO's role was brought up by Dean Shook. DELO still administers the contracts, but the budget responsibility is within the college. Dr. Lebedinsky asked about when communication will be sent out regarding the classes. Follow up with DELO regarding the status of the Economics Department's notification as the other departments have received their communication will be done.

A discussion of class caps for GFCB courses was led by Dr. Evelyn Thrasher. She shared how COVID-19 has impacted enrollments. She asked department chairs to begin determining what a reasonable cap for their courses would be, considering upper division, lower division courses, face-to-face courses, virtual courses, etc. They should also contemplate the possibility of redistributing faculty course loads for a more equitable balance.

Dean Shook asked the chairs to think about, if there is an opportunity to use faculty resources more efficiently than as graduate directors, which is mainly clerical and administrative work. This discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Dr. Peake asked about scheduling for Fall 2021. Dr. Shook said the Chairs are to move forward with scheduling classes as we have normally done in the past, pre-COVID. Dr. Shook suggested to continue to have online courses.

Dr Shook thanked the Leadership Team, once again, for their efforts this semester and their demonstration of goodwill, patience, and perseverance.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am. The next Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2021 at 9:00 am via Zoom.