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Senate Executive Committee Request for Information

Transparency in the Selection of Provost Fellows

Submitted by: Patricia Holt
11/16/2019

Question(s):

1. Is there an open and transparent process for the selection of Provost Fellows? 2. What are the duties of Provost Fellows? 3. How long is the term for Provost Fellows? 4. What compensation (course release, stipend, etc) does a Provost Fellow receive? 5. Is a Provost Fellow still part of the university's Corps of Instruction?

Rationale:

It has been noticed by the faculty the use of Provost Fellows at this institution. Although a common practice at institutions across the nation, this is a recent phenomenon at Georgia Southern. It has been heard by the faculty that the Provost now has up to five Fellows serving in a variety of capacities. Therefore the faculty has a number of questions about the use of Provost Fellows, now and in the future. These inquiries include the purpose, selection process, announcement of appointment, roles, duties, etc.

Response:

SEC Response: Approval of RFI and forwarded to Dr. Carl Rieber, Provost, VPAA

RFI on Transparency in the Selection of Provost Fellows Reply by Provost Carl Rieber
11/19/2019, 12:48pm

- 1) There are no policies regarding the hiring of temporary positions such as a Provost Fellow.
- 2) The duties of a Provost Fellow are dependent on the specific needs of the Office of Academic Affairs and negotiated between the Provost or other direct supervisor and the fellow.
- 3) A Provost Fellow term can be as short as the negotiated task requires and up to 3 years depending on the specific tasks to be accomplished and the individual fellows conditions.
- 4) Compensation is negotiated and dependent on the tasks assigned. Compensation will typically be a summer stipend with the possibility of course releases.
- 5) Provost Fellows are part of the teaching core.

Thank you.