

**Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of September 5, 2008**

In attendance: Kjerfve, Nielsen-Gammon, Bednarz, Mills, Kronenberg, Sherman, Chapman, Saravanan (for Bowman), Stickney, Guinasso, Bohlen, Kennicutt, Millington, Garcia, Barron

- College New Faces and Transitions – Dr. Björn Kjerfve
 - Introduction of Dr. Sarah Bednarz, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, Acting Executive Associate Dean and Associate Dean for Research; Dr. Steve Bohlen, Interim Director, IODP; Dr. Sonia Garcia, Director of Recruitment
- Presentation on Recruitment – Dr. Sonia Garcia
 - Will present model for increasing undergraduate enrollment
 - Will establish advisory committee for undergraduate recruitment
- Presentation on Development – Ms. Diane Barron
 - Provided dates for College Development Council meetings
 - Will promote Geosciences in new brochure
- TAMU/Provost's Academic Master Plan – Dr. Björn Kjerfve
 - To recognize 3-5 excellence programs in each College
 - We are asked to prepare white paper by 3 December
 - Guidelines will soon be circulated by Provost
- Academic Considerations – Dr. Sarah Bednarz
 - Faculty to deal with honors violations by completing on-line forms
 - Will survey quality of teaching facilities
 - Will create system to allocate undergraduate scholarships
 - Are collecting data for spring schedule
 - Need new faculty advisor for GSA
 - Michele Rosowsky is assisting College with SACS report

- IODP and SODV – Dr. Steve Bohlen
 - Ongoing assessment of all processes and functions
 - NSF funding cut requires 3 m/yr commercial contract for JR
 - SODV is further delayed
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- Departmental Hiring, Searches and Major Events
 - GEPL only filled one of the three vacant faculty positions in sed/strat
 - OCNG will request position to replace Dr. Martha Scott who is retiring
 - ATMO has lost two faculty and one senior lecturer will retire
 - GEG has lost one faculty
 - GERG is re-advertizing for research scientists
 - Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon will lead effort to reevaluate GERG West
 - Sea Grant is seeking replacement for Ralph Rayburn
 - Sea Grant has created scholarship in the name of Ralph Rayburn
 - Dr. Andrew Millington distributed Environmental Programs By-Laws