

College of Geosciences – Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 27, 2009

In attendance: Kjerfve, Nielsen-Gammon, Bednarz, Mills, Chapman, Bowman, Kronenberg, Smith (for Sherman), Stickney, Guinasso, Garcia

1. Dr. Paul Parrish, Interim Dean of Faculties,
 - Dean of Faculties' Office is in transition.
 - New position created - Associate Dean of Faculties
2. Consideration and vote on guidelines for endowed chairs and professors
 - Guidelines were discussed and voted on 10 – yes, 1 – no
3. Discussion of proposal for evaluation of interdisciplinary, diversity, and safety
 - Concern regarding new criteria
 - John will prepare memorandum to Provost - will circulate to EC for comments
4. Academic Master Plan
 - a. White Paper finalists to be announced shortly
 - Should review list to determine which papers to work with
 - b. Learning outcomes for Teaching-Learning Roadmap Committee
 - Purpose - Improve quality of Education
5. Budget Summary
 - Presentation by Dean on April 1.
 - Balances left in department accounts will be scrutinized
6. Server Room Costs
 - Phase I construction complete
 - Geonet services are ready
 - Kickoff meeting scheduled for 27 March.
7. Faculty & Staff Evaluations
 - Annual Evaluations are due by May 31, 2009
8. Antigua Project – internal audit by System
 - Contract expired June 30, 2008
 - TAMU system audit is possible

9. Searches – update

- IODP Director Search (4 finalists), begin interviewing in March, 2009
- Dean Search Update – 3 candidates invited for interviews

10. Freshman Seminars

- Very important for students

11. GERG External Review

- Being reviewed now, Feb. 26-27.

12. Other Business

Next Meeting – March 13, 2009