AGENDA:

1. **Election of GSC Chair for 2016-17**: After a brief introduction of all council members present, Selina requested nominations for the Chair and discussed role of the chair. No nominations at this time. Brenda Safford nominated Kristy Glover, but Kristy kindly declined. The group was asked to consider serving as Chair and it will be revisited at the next meeting.

2. **Review of the Guide to Governance 16-17**: The 2016-2017 Governance guides were distributed and the group was surveyed about whether they wanted hard copies for each member of the Councils or if they were OK with it just being online for members to reference. All agreed that hard copies are not necessary. If anyone requests a hard copy, there will be extra copies in the President’s Office.

3. **Forum Moderator**: Selina shared that there have been no nominations or volunteers to serve as the Forum Moderator to replace Kevin Butler. Margaret Wong gave a background of Marilyn Martin serving as Chair & Interim Moderator,
followed by Kevin Butler. She also noted it is appropriate for Selina Boria, as the ex officio representative to serve as Moderator. Without any further discussion, the committee agreed to present Selina Boria as the Forum Moderator at the next All College Forum.

4. **Updates from the Chairs:**

Prior to each council update, there was a question about alternate members and who should attend GSC meetings. Margaret clarified that it is important to have the 2 representatives and 1 alternate attend each GSC committee so that each council will always have 2 votes and the alternate is there to be informed in case they have to vote in the absence of a representative.

a. **Learning Council** – No report.

b. **Diversity Council** – Byron Thomas reported the council will be focusing on retaining minority faculty members. He also noted they will be reviewing the requirements and information relative to transgender bathrooms.

c. **Operations Council** – No report.

d. **Student Services Council** – Kristie Proctor reported they have met twice and have a full council with student appointments. The council is reviewing a Student Participation policy from 1982 and working to update it and put it in the new format. Additionally they plan to address a policy on food in the classrooms.

There was an inquiry about an attendance policy for members of councils and if there is a policy that states 4 absence and you are off a council. Selina shared that is the BHE Policy for their Board members as well as the Trustees of each college. Margaret Wong helped clarify that an attendance policy for councils has not been established and there is no rule that states governance councils need to follow BHE attendance policies. Additionally it was noted that everyone serves on a volunteer basis and we do not want to push people out or discourage involvement.

e. **Faculty Senate** – Betsy Zuegg highlighted 3 topics they are working on in the faculty senate. The first involves conversations about issues of violence in the classrooms, not related to mass shootings or large scale events. The second item is focused around the presidential search. The third item is enrollment and the importance of faculty having a voice in enrollment & staying connected to enrollment services. Betsy shared she has met with VP Ortiz regularly and the faculty wants to continue with a role on the enrollment sub-committee and goals and action plan. She also discussed surveying students in classes to gain their perspectives on obstacles as well as gain faculty input on their perspectives.
f. **Student Senate** – Holden reported they are happy to have a new Student Life Director, Michael Beane, who replaced Jonathan Miller. He also noted the Fall Fest was successful. He also shared the senate’s goal is to increase student involvement and was proud to announce that a group that started with only 4 senators is now up to about 8 or 9.

5. **New Business**: No new business to report.
6. **Next Forum**: All College Day - Tuesday, **January 17, 2016**, Hebert Auditorium
7. **Next Meeting**: Tuesday, **December 6**, 3 pm, Monks Room

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.

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