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*Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

TO: Rodney D. Bennett, President

FROM: Steven R. Moser, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: September 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Gulf Coast Vision Statements

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The Coastal Operations Leadership Team (COLT), has completed their guiding principle statements. Casey Maugh Funderburk, Vice Provost Gulf Park and Monty Graham, Associate Vice President for Research – Coastal Operations have submitted the attached recommendation on behalf of the COLT membership.

As Provost, I have reviewed the vision and pillars and find that they align with the guiding principles of Vision 2020.

I recommend that the proposed “Vision and Pillars” be approved.

Steven R. Moser, Provost  
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Approval:

Rodney D. Bennett, President  
The University of Southern Mississippi

9.17.19

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COASTAL OPERATIONS LEADERSHIP TEAM

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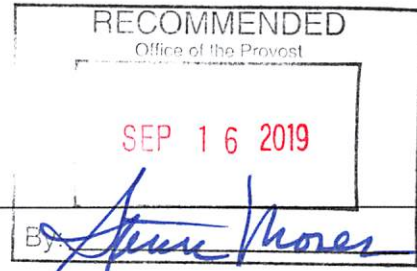
TO: Steven R. Moser, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs

FROM: Casey Maugh Funderburk & Monty Graham – Co-chairs, Coastal Operations Leadership Team

DATE: September 13, 2019

RE: Vision & Pillars

CC: COLT membership



Provost Moser,

Since July 1, 2019, the Coastal Operations Leadership Team has worked to define the following vision for Coastal Operations:

“The University of Southern Mississippi’s coastal operation will be a national leader addressing issues relevant to people in coastal and maritime settings.”

To further redefine the future of our coastal operations, we recommend three pillars, through which our vision will be realized; they are:

- Understanding the Ocean and Coasts
- Improving Coastal Resilience
- Supporting the Blue Economy

The Coastal Operations Leadership Team requests your approval of our vision for coastal operations and pillars, as they are an important foundational step in our process.

*Approved*  
  
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