

## **Elected Faculty Council**

Minutes – Meeting of January 14, 2005, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Members Present: Gary Russell (Chair), Amy Kristof-Brown, John Solow, John Spitzer (secretary of the day), and Nick Street.

Members Absent: Bruce Johnson

Also Attending the Meeting: Associate Dean Robert Forsythe and Assistant Dean Colleen Downie.

Colleen Downie discussed proposed changes to the existing curriculum for the Fulltime MBA Program. The Committee had discussed an earlier proposal; the current proposal involves considerably fewer changes. Based on the discussion that ensued, Colleen will finalize a description of the MBA program changes and forward it to Gary Russell. The EFC will schedule an open forum for faculty to discuss the proposal sometime during the week of January 18 – 21. Based on the forum, the EFC will decide (via e-mail) whether to accept the changes or to require a faculty vote.

Bob Forsythe outlined some changes that the Faculty Senate has made to Promotion and Tenure policies and said those changes may require some changes in the College's Promotion and Tenure policies.

Gary Russell reported that some DEOs had objected to the Minimal Website Proposal (a proposed requirement that all courses in the College must have a minimal website that will include a class syllabus, instructor contact information, and required University statements regarding student rights and privileges). The DEOs were concerned that some faculty members might require substantial assistance in order to implement the policy, and that providing such assistance might prove burdensome to others in the department. A short discussion followed.

Gary Russell reported that the DEOs had voiced serious concerns about the proposed requirement to require students taking examinations in the College of Business to state their adherence to the College of Business honor code. Some of the concern appeared to be centered on the honor code itself. In particular, several people have expressed concerns about the requirement that students must report any honor code violations they witness. After a short discussion, it was agreed to review the matter more fully at the next meeting of the EFC.

The next meeting of the EFC is scheduled for Monday, February 21, 10:30 AM to 12 noon. The major topic will be the honor code in the College, both the issue of the honors pledge and the possible extension of the system beyond the undergraduate and on-campus MBA programs.