

**MINUTES OF JANUARY EFC MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2009**

Members attending:	Sam Burer (secretary)	Lopo Rego (vice-chair)
	Jon Garfinkel (chair)	Sonja Rego
	Forrest Nelson	
Also attending:	Jim Chaffee (STSG)	Michael O'Hara (Faculty Senate Pres)
	David Drake (Faculty Senate VP)	Chuck Whiteman ( <i>ex-officio</i> )

Called to order at 3:02 PM. Adjourned at 4:13 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Approved minutes of meeting held on November 4, 2008 with minor changes.

Ownership of ACE forms

- Chuck reported that Nancy Hauserman has conducted an informal survey of colleagues around the country and found no consensus on ownership of student evaluations at other universities.
- Chuck also reported that the university is in the process of shifting ACE forms to an electronic system.
- In the process, he noticed that the university forms already have a disclaimer that UISG will publish for students the results of the core questions (those on the back page of the ACE form).
- This disclaimer has been in place for several years, but UISG has not acted upon it due to difficulties collecting the data.
- **The committee concluded that the university owns the core-questions data, but it remains unclear who owns data from the non-core questions. The committee and Chuck will keep watching the situation.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

STEAD roles and activities (Jim Chaffee)

- **Jim spoke to the committee about the role of STEAD (STSG) in the college and also responded to question from the committee.**
- Jim discussed STSG's mission, goals, and focus.
- He also explained

- STSG's primary activities: technology support; technological experimentation (e.g., faculty labs); custom application development; web development; security (e.g., cleaning SSNs and backup); system administration; ICON support; document support)
- New projects: more training, consultation, and support; more specialized software support; more application development specific to academics (e.g., teaching simulations for operations management), intranet development (e.g., sharing files), large projects (e.g., card access to rooms)
- Jim responded to items raised by the committee:
  - In terms of document support, STSG can help craft documents (e.g., setting margins) but does not do basic tasks, e.g., plain typing.
  - Right now, file backup is supported on the networked H: drive only (plenty of space). In the future, machines will be mirrored to a second hard drive, and off-site backup will be possible through the new Oakdale data center.
  - ITS is upgrading the Virtual Desktop system with new hardware and more licenses. Speed and performance should improve accordingly.

#### Discussion of UI Faculty Senate

- **Members of the UI Faculty Senate, Michael O'Hara (president) and David Drake (vice-president), discussed the importance of the senate and solicited concerns from the committee.**
- The faculty senate is the voice of the faculty, representing faculty interests to administrative units such as the president, provost, and VP for Finance.
- The senate's current activities include:
  - Observation of the recently passed faculty research track;
  - Faculty civility and ethics (e.g., do faculty have the appropriate guidance on how to treat staff and graduate students?);
  - Academic free speech (e.g., what can faculty say publicly about their administrators?)
  - Systematic review of constitution and by-laws
  - Criminal background checks of faculty
  - Sexual misconduct issues
  - Establishment of a provost-level P&T committee (e.g., to handle close P&T cases)
  - Updates of conflict of interest/commitment policies
  - Upcoming senate elections
- Concerns raised by the committee:
  - Has the senate had the opportunity to look at the upcoming new data policy by the VP for Research, which many faculty have found too restrictive in terms of who owns research data? The senate was not aware of this but will check into it.

- Has the senate considered the implications of electronically archived course content, which is becoming more common on campus? There are access, competition, and intellectual-property issues. The senate will look into these.
- What is the university doing to maintain its status as a tier-1 research institution, particularly in regards to retaining excellent female faculty? The “modified teaching for new parents” policy, which has been put on hold, is important. The senate agrees and believes helpful policies will be enacted relatively soon.
- Is the university looking into a sustainable policy for how various programs on campus subsidize others? The previous provost (Hogan) enacted several policies that incentivize programs to generate revenue. The current provost (Loh) is following and intensifying these policies.
- The committee reported to the senate that we are severely space-constrained in PBB.