

EFC Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2007

Members attending: Amy, Tom, Mark, Matt B, Ann

1. Meeting called to order at 9:35.
2. Approval of December minutes. Motion to approve minutes: Mark, second: Matt.
3. Old Business: Amy says software package is being tested to remove student social security numbers from faculty computers.
4. New Business:
 - a. Curt Hunter attended and discussed the progress of strategic planning for the MBA program and his concerns about GPA cutoffs for students. Tom and Matt both made comments about their concern about the impact of class size on teaching.
 - b. Curt also discussed differential tuition for business students. He said it will require a group proposal between UI, ISU, and UNI to the Board of Regents. They are working on this.
 - c. Curt introduced a new policy on textbook adoption dates which has already been endorsed by the Dean's Council. This policy requires faculty to order textbooks earlier. This enables books to be translated for students with disabilities and helps with student buybacks. Tom and Ann both expressed concerns about the wording of the policy. The group discussed how enforcement will be tricky and may need to come from each DEO. Chuck Whiteman will discuss this new policy with the DEOs at the next DEO meeting.
 - d. Copies of the proposed faculty handbook were distributed. Amy stated that the handbook will be available online. Amy said that Carol Buettner is working on this and would like to know if there are any major omissions or changes required.
 - e. Curt Hunter mentioned that there is an ongoing investigation to determine the preparedness of the university for a pandemic.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32. Motion to adjourn: Tom, second: Mark.