

Elected Faculty Council

Minutes – Meeting of March 2, 2004 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM.

Members Present: Chuck Whiteman (chair), Jay Christensen-Szalanski, Tim Lowe, Gary Russell, John Spitzer (Secretary of the day), and Rick Tubbs.

Also attending the meeting: Dean Gary Fethke and Associate Dean Bob Forsythe.

The committee approved the minutes from the February 5, 2004 meeting of the EFC.

The committee discussed the draft outline of a Faculty Governance Structure Proposal previously distributed by Chuck Whiteman. The committee agreed upon the following:

1. The membership of the Faculty Assembly should be consistent with the members who are allowed to vote in the Elected Faculty Council elections.
2. The quorum for votes in the Faculty Assembly should be 30% of the membership.
3. The EFC may refer proposals to other standing committees.
4. Recommendations from committees should be accompanied by a statement providing the views of the DEOs concerning the proposed changes.

The committee also discussed how the committee structure would handle various curriculum proposals, and also discussed other wording changes to the draft document. Chuck Whiteman will distribute a revised draft to reflect the sense of the EFC on these points, and to reflect the agreements above.

The committee agreed that the next step is to rework the draft outline into full sentences, in a form similar to the by-laws of the EFC. Rick Tubbs will start by redrafting the “Faculty Assembly” section, and will distribute his draft to the committee as a guide for format and style. Tim Lowe will redraft the “Elected Faculty Council” section, Gary Russell will redraft the “Dean’s Advisory Committee” and “DEO Committee” sections, John Spitzer will redraft the “Committees” section, and Jay Christensen-Szalanski will redraft the “Other Committees” and “Authority” sections.

Gary Fethke suggested that the committee forward the completed document to Associate Provost Lee Anna Clark for comment. The committee agreed with this suggestion.

The next EFC meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2004, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.