

## **Elected Faculty Council**

Minutes – Meeting of April 18, 2005, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Members Present: Gary Russell (Chair), Bruce Johnson, Amy Kristof-Brown, John Solow, John Spitzer and Nick Street.

Members Absent: None

Also Attending the Meeting: Associate Dean Robert Forsythe and Finance DEO Anand Vjih.

Professor Anand Vjih, DEO of Finance, presented a proposal for a new Certificate in Risk Management and Insurance (RMI). The proposal calls for 27 credit hours beyond core courses in the College. EFC members raised questions concerning the ability of non-finance majors to realistically complete the certificate. A motion to approve the RMI Certificate without changes was defeated by a vote of 2 (in favor) to 4 (opposed). The EFC directed the EFC Chair to obtain responses to the EFC concerns from Professor Vjih. These responses will form the basis of a reconsideration of the proposal by the EFC.

In an email message, Dean Gary Fethke requested clarification of language in the March 15, 2005 Report of the Provost's Review Committee of the Tippie College of Business. The sentence in question states the following: "Representatives of the elected faculty council state that the faculty fellowship program appears to be administered fairly, though a bit erratically." The EFC directed the EFC Chair to draft a response to the Dean stating that the EFC believes that many faculty members do not understand the criteria used by the Dean's Office to make fellowship assignments. Nevertheless, because the EFC believes that the process is fair, the EFC does not intend to pursue this matter further.

Gary Russell discussed a request from Nancy Hauserman, Undergraduate Dean, to hold an open forum on the honors code. A general discussion on the honors code followed. Amy Kristof-Brown reported that students in the on-campus MBA program have recently met to debate aspects of the MBA honors code and to organize elections for the MBA Judicial Board. The EFC decided to hold an open forum before the end of the Spring 2005 term. John Spitzer agreed to organize the open forum. This forum will allow both faculty and students to debate aspects of the honor code – including whether faculty should have a vote in the adoption of the honor code.

Gary Russell discussed the new EFC elections to be held during April. Elections will be held to select new representatives in Marketing, Finance, and Management and Organizations. The EFC also discussed the need to rewrite the election rules for the Dean's Advisory Council. Currently, the rules imply that some departments will always have elected members and some will always have appointed members. The EFC agreed to hold elections according to the current rules following the EFC elections. However, the new EFC will consider rewriting the rules for DAC elections.

The schedule for the next meeting of the EFC will be set following the elections of the new members of the EFC. At this meeting, the new EFC will select a new EFC Chair for the upcoming 2005-2006 academic year.