

## **Elected Faculty Council**

Minutes – Meeting of October 7, 2003, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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

Also attending the meeting: Associate Dean Bob Forsythe.

The EFC reconsidered a recommendation for grade distributions in the MBA Program that had been resubmitted to the EFC. (The recommendation has already been approved by the MBA Committee.) After a discussion about the wording of the recommendation, the EFC agreed to call a public hearing on the grading proposal. This hearing will be held on November 13, 2003 at 4 pm in W401. The EFC also recommended that Gary Gaeth and the MBA Committee prepare a written justification of the grade distribution proposal (for distribution to the faculty prior to the public hearing).

The EFC revisited the issue of procedures that must be followed if the Dean wishes to negatively alter the contract of a tenured faculty member. (Examples of “negatively alter” include reduction in salary and increase in teaching load without change in salary.) The EFC directed Chuck Whiteman to discuss this issue with the President of the UI Faculty Senate to determine if the Senate intends to address this issue this year. Currently, the University Operations manual is ambiguous on procedures that should be followed.

The EFC began consideration of two different plans for faculty governance. One plan, currently called “Proposed Governance Structure,” would give faculty final authority over all curriculum matters. The second plan, currently called the “Alternative Proposed Governance Structure,” is a subset of the first plan. It proposes that all faculty recommendations be advisory. The EFC will discuss the proposals further at the next EFC meeting.

Chuck Whiteman announced that Associate Provost Lee Anna Clark will attend the next EFC meeting to comment on governance issues.

The next EFC meeting is set for November 3, 2003 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM.