

Minutes of EFC Early November Meeting
October 26, 2006

Attending: EFC Members plus Colleen Downie, Ken Brown, Chuck Whiteman, Beth Ingram and Mary Spreen.

Meeting called to order at 10:35

- 1) October minutes distributed and review. Motion to accept: Billet. Second: Penno
- 2) Old Business: SCUT program. Mary Spreen discussed the faculty survey. She stressed that the program requires limited faculty resources. Amy asked what the local faculty would do. Chuck said they might teach technical courses and possibly Chinese-economy courses. There were questions about whether the curriculum would be as is, or made for China. Would there be resources for development? Amy asked if this an executive program or regular MBA? Mary said it is executive. Tom asked about the faculty mentoring part of the program. Chuck said there is funding for perhaps weekly meeting with semester visitors to explain how classes are structured, as well as possibly research. Amy asked how many students are required, and what happens if we don't meet that number? Mary said that the program needs 40 students to be run. Tom asked where this fits in with other priorities for resources, like business solutions? Chuck said SCUT should put us in a better position to finance staff to make things like business solutions possible. He said SCUT is something we know how to do at a profit. Matt Billet asked if we can exit if we don't like how the program is going. Chuck said yes. Motion: EFC endorses: Billet. Second: Campbell. In favor: Amy, Matt, Matt, Ann, Tom. Abstain: Mark
- 3) Old Business: Review of revised Undergraduate policies. The absence policy was discussed. Tom suggested that the policy should be clear that anticipated absences should only be excused with prior permission. Matt Billet suggested limiting expected interview absences to 1. The record keeping requirement, particularly the maintaining of course components, was discussed. Matt Mitchell suggested keeping records "by the department," not "in the department," so that departments could decentralize to faculty. EFC supports record keeping that includes components of grades (no vote).
- 4) Old Business: MBA Program committee update.
- 5) New Business: Ken Brown discussed use of "clickers" in the classroom. Colleen wondered about cost, which Ken says is currently about \$40.
- 6) New Business: Strategic Planning with the Regents. Ken Brown reported that the Faculty Senate has a resolution asking Regents to do Strategic Planning with broader input. They are not averse to Strategic Planning in general.

- 7) New Business: ICON access. Amy mentioned a faculty complaint about too many people from the MBA program office having administrator access. Colleen said that it shouldn't be more than 2 or 3. Chuck pointed out that a new status (besides TA and student) is in the works.

Adjourned 11:55.