

Elected Faculty Council

Minutes – Meeting of November 3, 2003, 11:30 AM to 1:10 PM

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

Also attending the meeting: Associate Provost Lee Anna Clark, Chesca Colloredo-Mansfeld, Dean Gary Fethke, and Vicky Vavra (representing ESC).

Associate Provost Lee Anna Clark visited the meeting in order to discuss faculty governance issues at the university level and to comment on the “Proposed Governance Structure” outlines prepared by the EFC.

Chesca Colloredo-Mansfeld (representing Nancy Hauserman) visited the meeting in order to discuss the Undergraduate Programs Committee proposal to modify the content of the current Business Policy course and to move the course from the senior to junior year.

The role of the EFC in such decisions was discussed at length. Two slightly different views were presented. In the first view, the role of the EFC is to decide whether a proposal is best decided by a college committee or by a faculty vote. In the second view, the role of the EFC is to act as representatives of the faculty and decide whether to approve the proposal, disapprove the proposal, or require a faculty vote. Resolution was not reached regarding these two views.

The EFC did determine (by unanimous vote) that the issue proposed by the Undergraduate Programs Committee regarding the Business Policy course need not be put to a faculty vote.

Members were reminded that the public hearing on the MBA grading proposal will be held on November 13th at 4 pm in W401.

Chuck Whiteman reported that he asked Margaret Raymond, the President of the UI Faculty Senate, whether the Faculty Senate was considering procedures that must be followed if a Dean wishes to negatively alter the contract of a tenured faculty member. She responded that the Faculty Senate does not intend to address this issue this year.

Dean Fethke discussed how the College will accommodate the across-the-board budget reductions. This effort is summarized in an email from Dean Fethke to the faculty and staff on November 9. Dean Fethke also discussed a new initiative for the Undergraduate Program. This initiative is outlined in the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting October 13, 2003.

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