

Elected Faculty Council

Minutes for meeting of November 11, 2004

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

Members absent: none

Also Attending: Bob Forsythe, Maggie Jesse

Meeting with outside evaluators: Members of the EFC have been invited to meet with the outside evaluators of the College of Business on Tuesday 11/30 from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Course management systems: Maggie Jesse reported on the current status of the selection of a single course management system for the university. ITS is currently negotiating a contract with Desire2Learn. The preliminary schedule includes migration of courses beginning with the summer 2005 term. Jeff Reuter of STSG will be the main faculty contact for the migration in the College of Business. STSG will provide a course template, including a draft syllabus that will provide common content (accommodations for learning disabilities, statement on academic misconduct, etc.).

The EFC will address the issue of a minimal required Web presence for CoB courses.

STSG policy on personally-owned computing equipment: Maggie also presented a draft policy from STSG on the support level they will provide on equipment that is owned by faculty/staff members, and/or used from home. It was recommended that the policy be expanded to include similar policies and priorities for all equipment. Such a policy will be drafted and circulated to the departments.

Definition of research active faculty: The DEO council has concluded that there is not currently a need for a college-wide formal definition of research active faculty.

Honors pledge: The undergraduate programs committee has addressed this issue and recommends that each faculty be asked to include, on each exam, some verification that the student has read the honor code. This verification could take one of the following forms: a) Putting your name on the exam implies agreement to the honor code; b) A yes/no question on the exam verifying knowledge of the code; c) A required student signature.

The EFC discussion centered on making this policy mandatory instead of suggested. Gary Russell will prepare a draft policy to that effect for discussion at a future EFC meeting.

Discussions of changes to the Dean's Advisory Council election process, and major changes to the MBA curriculum, were deferred to a future meeting.