

To: Tippie College faculty  
From: The EFC  
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Subject: Recommendation and vote

For the past several months, the Elected Faculty Council has been working to clarify and improve faculty governance procedures in the Tippie College of Business. We will be continuing this effort over the coming year, and would appreciate your input. Meanwhile, one of the recurring suggestions discussed by the EFC involves the creation of a Dean's Advisory Committee, which would foster communication between the Dean and the Faculty on important College issues, and provide a sounding board for new ideas regarding Collegiate procedures and initiatives. Gary and Bob have been very sympathetic to this idea, and with their cooperation and support, the EFC recommends the creation of such a committee on an ad hoc basis for academic year 2003-2004, with the view that a successor to this committee will become a permanent feature of faculty governance in future years.

The structure of the committee is intended to ensure faculty input as well as a committee with which the Dean will be sufficiently comfortable that frank discussions may be carried out. The committee will consist of one full professor (clinical or tenure track) from each department. DEO's, Directors of Graduate Studies, Institute Directors, etc. are eligible for committee service, but faculty members holding administrative appointments in the Dean's office or the University are not. Three of the six will be chosen by direct election by clinical and tenure track faculty of all ranks, and the other three will then be chosen by the Dean. In the election, "winners" will be 1) the faculty member with the most votes who agrees to serve; 2) the faculty member with the second most votes who agrees to serve and is in a different department from the first faculty member; 3) the faculty member with the third most votes who agrees to serve and is in a different department from the first two faculty members. The Dean would then appoint three faculty members one from each of the three departments not represented after the election is completed.

Shortly you will be receiving a ballot, which should be returned to the Dean's office by September 15. We urge everyone to participate in the selection of representatives to this important new faculty governance committee.

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