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College of Business Council Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 11 AM, Piano Man Conference Room

Present: Grover Kearns (Chair), Gary Patterson, Chris Davis, Rick Smith

Absent with Apologies: Tom Ainscough

Guest: Dr. Ebrahimpour

1. Approval of Minutes of 2/24/10 Meeting

Minutes are approved with insertion of paragraph from Chris Davis.

2. “Executive Day” Proposal by COB Dean Ebrahimpour

Dr. Ebrahimpour addressed the CBC about the possibility of an Executive Day in which all COB classes would be taken over by an executive from a Tampa Bay area business. The CBC was very supportive of the concept noting that details could be worked out later. The dean was emphatic that the concept must have full support of all faculty to be successful.

3. Faculty Senate Committee appointments for Fall 2010

The CBC recommended appointments to the faculty senate committees as follows:

Faculty Senate: Grover Kearns (2011) and Rick Smith (2012).

Library: John Gum (2011)

Enrollment Management: Steve Danese (Roll over to 2012)

Research Council: Scott Geiger (2012) and Todd Shank (2011)

Graduate Council: Phil Trochia (2012) and Wei Guan (2011)

Undergraduate Council: Mike Lockett (2011) and Karin Braunsberger (Roll over to 2012)

General Education: Tom Carter (2011)

Awards: Wei Guan (2011)

Faculty Technology: Grover Kearns (2012)

4. COB Committee appointments for Fall 2010

A motion was made by Dan Marlin to consolidate the COB standing committees into five committees: CBC, T&P, Undergraduate Curriculum and Assessment, Graduate Curriculum and Assessment, and Faculty Development and Review. The FDR will assume the duties of the former ARC and FDC committees. The motion was supported unanimously. Also, Kearns stated that he would develop a draft schedule of committee appointments and circulate them to the members for comments.

5. Guidelines for electronic votes

The CBC recognized and discussed the need to develop guidelines for electronic voting. It was suggested that a discussion board be used prior to votes. No action was taken.

6. Record email vote on change to charges for Faculty Development and Annual Review Committees

A majority of the CBC had voted to move the Research Award from the FDC to the ARC.

7. Record email vote on changes to faculty senate governance document

The faculty senate had made changes to the governance document which extended the term for members from 2 to 3 years. Terms for current members would be extended 1 year. A majority of the CBC members supported these changes.

8. Record email vote on acceptance of Summer A instructors with two classes

The COB Dean asked the CBC to vote on the acceptance of faculty assigned to teach two courses in the Summer 2010 term. A majority of the CBC members supported these appointments. One member stated that this was not a CBC issue.

9. Corporate and Social Responsibility

In response to the dean's desire to come up with ways to have the COB place further emphasis on Social Responsibility and Corporate Reporting (SRCR) a number of issues relating to the former Program of Distinction were discussed. Members felt that, although still a pertinent and central part of the COB mission, SRCR was now one of several curricular emphases. To that end, Rick Smith suggested that it is perhaps time for the College to reevaluate the strength of the emphasis on SRCR, in light of his (Dr. Smith's) and others' perception that there is now less scholarly interest in this area throughout the College.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

11. Post-Meeting : Change to COB Governance Document

A ballot, approved by the CBC, was sent to all participating faculty for approval of two changes to the COB Governance Document (attached). A majority of the faculty approved both changes.

Faculty Member Name _____

Check the boxes to vote on the following two changes to the COB Governance Document:
(The entire document is at: <http://www.stpt.usf.edu/cob/documents/COBGovDoc03282008.pdf>)

1. Standing Committees will be changed to include the following five committees:

- A. College of Business Council
- B. Undergraduate Curricula and Assessment Committee
- C. Graduate Curricula and Assessment Committee
- D. Faculty Development & Review Committee (FDRC)
- E. Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee

Note: The Faculty Development & Review Committee will assume the current charges of the Faculty Development Committee and the Annual Review Committee.

YES NO ABSTAIN

2. The charge for the Faculty Development & Review Committee will read as follows:

“The Faculty Development & Review Committee is an elected committee. All members of the College Faculty, other than the Dean and the Academic Officers, are eligible to vote for members of this committee. An academic discipline representative will be elected by a vote of the College Faculty from within each discipline. If no tenured faculty members are eligible from within a discipline, then a tenure-track faculty member is eligible to serve.

“The election of the committee shall take place in the Spring semester preceding the academic year. The chair of the FDRC shall be elected by the members of the FDRC. The Dean and other Academic Officers are excluded from membership on this committee, even in an ex-officio capacity.

“The committee is responsible for organizing ongoing research and/or teaching development seminars; seeking visiting scholars; requesting library materials, datasets, computers and computer software; establishing and maintaining a working paper series, and advising the CBC and Dean on the continuous improvement of the College’s research and/or teaching environment. This committee is also responsible for the management of the College’s annual research award, annual teaching award and annual Service award.

“This committee also reviews, in the Spring semester of each academic year, the yearly faculty reports of College faculty and submits these evaluations in writing to the College Dean. This committee is also responsible for recommending standards for the ratings in the areas of Teaching, Research, and Service, which are part of the annual review process. The FDRC shall be comprised of six tenured members of the College Faculty, one tenured faculty member from each of the six academic disciplines: accounting & business law; economics; finance; information systems & decisions sciences; management; and marketing.”

YES NO ABSTAIN

RETURN YOUR BALLOT TO EITHER FELICIA OR JONEEN BY FRI, MAY 7. (Your name is known only to the person summarizing the votes and is necessary to insure only eligible faculty vote.)

