

FEB Minutes

March 9, 2017

Members Present: Dr. Craig Armstrong (alternate), Dr. Bruce Barrett, Dr. Jack Clampit, Dr. Tom Lopez, Mr. Dan Maguire, Dr. Robert McLeod, Prof. Joyce Meyer, Dr. John Mittenthal, Dr. Shawn Mobbs, Dr. Paul Pecorino (alternate), Dr. Clay Posey (alternate), Dr. Ed Schnee, Prof. Jenna Stiffler

Others Present: Dr. Jonathon Halbesleben and Mrs. Kati Hardemon (serving as recorder).

Dr. Schnee called the meeting to order at 11:00 am in 160 Alston Hall.

1. **Masters of Science in Business Analytics Proposal from the ISM Department** – Proposal would create a new MS program in Business Analytics. Dr. McLeod made a motion to send the proposal to the Masters Committee; Dr. Posey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. **Non-Tenure Track Faculty Policy** – This policy was distributed to the FEB members prior to the meeting for discussion at the department level. FEB discussed several issues raised by faculty members in the departments, including the use of language in reference to position and the composition of the committees that would review promotion of NTF. FEB asked Dr. Halbesleben to solicit feedback from the Department Heads regarding the language related to the composition of the committee. Dr. Halbesleben also agreed to examine the language issues for potential changes and consistency with the policy passed by Faculty Senate. The policy was tabled until the next FEB meeting.
3. **Austin Cup Vote- FEB considered a proposal from the Undergraduate Student Awards and Honors committee regarding the selection process for the Austin Cup.** It was decided that each department would vote rank their choices, if there was a tie for 1st place, there would be a run off, which could be handled electronically and would not need to be a Faculty Forum item. There was a motion by Dr. Armstrong to approve the process with added language regarding the timing of the process in order to be completed in time for Honors Day. The motion was seconded by Dr. Posey and passed unanimously.
4. **Information Items-**
 - a ACHE Specializations Approval – Dr. Halbesleben provided some additional clarification regarding how the specializations were being addressed in order to make them consistent with ACHE definitions for extension to programs. He emphasized that the actual changes to the curriculum will be minor, but reclassifying the programs as either concentrations, minors, or certificates will bring them into line with ACHE and UA definitions and allow them to be included on student transcripts. If there is no change to be made to the specialization, there is no need for the FEB to approve it again (unless we do not have record of prior approval). Any specializations that will become certificates and minors will need FEB approval, but not ACHE approval.

- b FEB Size – There was discussion about ways to better manage the size and consistency of membership of FEB in light of the growing faculty, including changing the terms of appointment to multiple years and utilizing a rolling system, scheduling the FEB meetings ahead of time to avoid teaching conflicts, and other ideas. Dr. Schnee and Dr. Halbesleben agreed to look at options for changing the bylaws regarding FEB composition so they could be considered at the next FEB meeting.
- c New Faculty Request – The Dean’s office is preparing a proposal to request new faculty from the Office of Academic Affairs.
- d Strategic Plan Update – Changes have been made to the Strategic Plan according to the feedback from faculty members. The plan will be sent out and voted on electronically by both faculty and staff.

With no new business, Dr. Schnee adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm.