



College Council Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2008

Members Present: M. Mora (Chair), D. Jackson, L. Liu, L. Matthews, M. Minor, G. Moyes, J. Smolarski, B. Wang, J. Darcy (ex-officio)
Members Absent: None
Location: Dean's Conference Room

- I. Chair called meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
- II. Chair provided Council with brief overview of Council's purpose as listed in COBA bylaws
- III. New Business
 - A. Motion to elect L. Matthews as Chair Elect was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - B. Discussion over direction of Council for 2008-09
 - Question raised on unfinished task of reviewing Tenure & Promotion document; should be tied with merit document; no motion made, as more information was needed regarding potential change in role of department versus college merit committees
 - Discussion on faculty retention and satisfaction - subcommittee with D. Jackson, L. Matthews, and J. Smolarski formed to explore issues (beyond salaries) related to retention.
 - Discussion over Research & Faculty Development Committee, which exists in bylaws but has never met. Council members agree to return to departments for RFDC members, with plans to "jump start" RFDC.
 - C. Associate Deans and Committee Structures
 - Motion to recommend that Associate Deans serve as ex-officio members on their respective committees (i.e., MBA and Ph.D. Committees for Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, and College Curriculum Committee for Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies) is seconded and unanimously approved after discussion on rationale behind proposed change (e.g., Associate Deans should be aware of policies, similar to Program Directors).
 - Motion to recommend that Associate Deans serve only in capacity as ex-officio members, and not as faculty representatives from their departments, on their respective committees is seconded and unanimously approved after discussion on rationale behind proposed change (e.g., Associate Deans might have disproportionate influence on certain cases, given the nature of their different roles).
 - No motion made regarding Associate Deans' role in MACC Program, given its discipline-specific nature.
 - D. Format of Ballots for Administrative Positions - to be discussed at future meeting
 - E. Chair reminded Council that meeting with provost would be held the next day at 11:30 a.m.
- IV. Other
 - A. D. Jackson raises question of quality control in on-line courses; slight discussion about bringing issue to department chair.
- V. Adjournment at 3:00 p.m.