

DEPARTMENT MEETING MINUTES

Department of Business and Economics

Erlanson 304, April 13, 2009

Present: Greg Trudeau (Chair), Diek Carlson, Kay Biga, Connie O'Brien, Mei Cao, Ethan Christensen, Rick Moran, Bob Beam, Richard Stewart, Jerry Hembd, Bruce Kibler, and Chuck Reichert

Guests: Kathy Pykkonen, Cherie Sawinski

Trudeau called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Department members unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction that Chuck Reichert be listed as present instead of both absent and present.

Kathy Pykkonen made a presentation and answered questions concerning the proposed 499 course that was discussed at the March 23 meeting. The department indicated that the course provided worthwhile information to students but expressed concerns over whether it should be required. If it was required, it seemed as though the Department would have to commit resources to fund the course. No action was taken.

A motion was made (Stewart/Hembd) to grant voting rights to Rick Moran and Connie O'Brien. The motion passed unanimously.

Diek Carlson presented a proposal to include ECON 362 Public Finance as an option course for the Finance concentration. The proposal was tabled.

The Chair indicated that some modification may have to be made to a few course descriptions to reflect the senior experience component of those courses.

A motion was made (Beam/Kibler) that the Department should continue to pursue further the 3 year plan for its majors with the stipulation that the plan must come back to the Department before final approval.

Cherie Sawinski provided the Department with information concerning study abroad programs.

An attempted election for the DBE senator was attempted. Ethan Christensen was willing to represent in the spring but could not in the fall.

Reichert reported UAAC is considering a 4 day final exam schedule. The Department expressed strong opposition to the proposal.

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Greg Trudeau adjourned the meeting at 12:53 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Chuck Reichert
Recorder