

## DEPARTMENT MEETING MINUTES

Department of Business and Economics  
Erlanson 304, February 8, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chuck Reichert, Acting Chair. The minutes from the December 14, 2009 meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved (Biga/Stewart).

### SMGT Certificates

Information on the certificates proposal had been distributed prior to the meeting. Jerry provided a brief overview of the proposal. The following discussion touched on a number of questions and issues:

- Do certificate programs like this compete with what we, UWS and DBE, are already doing?
- Are there pre-requisites for the program? No
- Will participants opt for a certificate rather than a second major? The difference in the intended markets was noted here.
- Is there a market for this program?
- A discussion about certificate programs in general was taken up.

The SMGT certificate proposal was approved as submitted (Kibler/Beam). There was one abstention.

### Tongjis Logistic Management Program

Richard noted that this item needs to be tabled for the time being, but that he wanted to provide some background information. The issue is that proof of accreditation is needed for the Chinese educational institution in question before we can begin to consider the transfer of credit question. If the institution is accredited, there is the potential for a type of articulation agreement.

### Search and Screen Updates

The Finance search committee is looking through applications and will soon be scheduling phone interviews.

The Global Economic Development search committee has completed its initial screening and has seven telephone interviews scheduled for this week. The next step will be reference checks and narrowing the list for campus interview invitations.

The T&L search committee has twenty-four applications to look at and expects to schedule telephone interviews in two weeks.

The three search committee chairs agreed to try to coordinate the weeks of campus interview visits.

Department Chair Update

Book orders for summer and fall will be due by April 5. Kathy will send out requests to this effect.

The AAC approved the Liberal Learning Outcomes and passed them on to Faculty Senate. A committee is being formed that will look at the requirements for B.A. and B.S. degrees and how to differentiate these degrees. Anyone interested in serving on this committee is encouraged to contact Joel Sipress, Faculty Senate chair.

Faculty Senate approved the Liberal Learning Outcomes. A number of proposals regarding class scheduling are being discussed. A referendum regarding the Faculty Senate Pay Plan (decompression plan) will occur this spring.

Other

Richard noted that T&L is acquiring a site license for some web sites with international trade emphases. He will share this information with the department.

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Hembd