19 February 2010 Minutes of the College Undergraduate (UG) Curriculum Committee

Members Present: Terry Adler, Kathy Brook, Kevin McNelis, Tim Query, Eliott Willman, Bruce Huhmann, Larry Tunnell, Sherry Mills, Bonnie Daily, Ed Scribner, and Tony Popp

Absent: Justine Adkisson

Meeting Called to Order at 0730.

Discussion continued with Kevin McNelis’s proposal to make BCIS 485 (Enterprise Resource Planning) a required course for Accounting majors as a COB core class.

Larry Tunnell emphasized that the Accounting Advisory Council said that BCIS 485 was a good course for all Accounting majors to take. Again, this is a practitioner perspective and not as relative to the CPA exam requirements.

Bonnie Daily explained that the Management Department did require all Project and Supply Chain Mgt majors to take Mgt 470 since project management professionals also require certification. However PSCM majors take Mgt 470 as a major requirement and in the core they still choose between Mgt 344 and BCIS 485. The Mgt Dept did this since the dept did not feel they could force PSCM majors to take a specific core course out of the electives of Mgt 344, Mgt 470 and BCIS 485. Bonnie stated that the COB faculty voted on the core replacement for BUSA 365 and that she did not believe the Mgt dept. could ignore what the faculty voted on. She stated that the Accounting dept could also possibly make BCIS 485 a major requirement for Accounting majors and not affect the core. In addition, she thought that Mgt 344 and Mgt 470 cover IT issues and as such Accounting could examine these courses first to see if they meet or could meet the requirements for Accounting majors.

There are many issues regarding this proposal. First is the issue of the core curriculum that the COB requires. The UG curriculum committee is primarily charged to maintain the core lower and upper division curriculum. Bruce Human understood why Accounting would want to make this change and that it was trying to help their program. However, Bruce mentioned that if this change took place then what would prevent depts. from asking to choose that their majors select an upper division business elective for the core from their dept. Kathy Brook was also concerned that this might open the door to depts. deciding what math course could be selected for their students separate from a common gen ed core for business majors. Ed Scribner said that the Accounting department would discuss this proposal further as to whether they wanted to pursue it or not as a faculty-wide issue.

A motion was made by Eliott Willman and seconded by Bruce Huhmann to take this issue to the COB faculty. The discussion centered on the question of whether the UG curriculum committee had the purview to approve this big of a change. The motion carried 3-2.

A motion was also provided by Kevin McNelis to drop MGT 455 and MGT 485, both Public Utilities Regulation, as cross-listed courses with ECON 455 and ECON 485. Motion was seconded by Bruce Huhmann. The vote carried 5-0 to drop both of the Management courses.

Meeting Adjourned at 0900.

Next meeting is scheduled for 5 March 2010 from 0730 to 0900 in the BC204.

Submitted by: Terry Adler, Chair