Undergraduate Committee - Minutes - 2 Feb 2007

Meeting began at 1 pm.

Present: Justine Adkinsson, Kathy Brook, Rusty Calk, Bruce Huhmann, and Tim Query.
Absent: Terry Adler, Randy McPerrin.

This was our first meeting of the Spring semester.

A. Course changes and additions.
   1. Unanimously approved BCIS 485 Enterprise Resource Planning as both a one-time only course (until the new catalog is printed) and a permanent course addition. The Undergraduate Committee noted that this is an initial step in the introduction of SAP ERP into the curriculum that will allow students who have been exposed to basics of SAP in BCIS 338 to see how ERP integrates business functional areas and uses ERP to monitor operations and performance. It could also investigate real-world datasets from large corporations to give students experience with data mining and data analysis with real world examples.
   2. Unanimously approved the removal of ACCT 251 as a pre-requisite to FIN 341 to make the class more accessible to students from the Math Dept. who will be in an Actuarial Sciences track and, thus, be taking some finance classes.

B. Discussed operations and procedures for our continuing evaluation of ways to improve undergraduate student learning, enrollment and retention through our business core curriculum.
   1. Committee members will be reviewing students' written comments on BUSA 365 evaluations from Spring 2006, Spring 2005, Fall 2004, and Fall 2003. Committee members will summarize and present any trends or helpful suggestions gleaned from the student evaluations.
   2. Discussed the role of sections of UNIV 150 that are dedicated to business student freshman only and how these may used in increasing retention from the first to the second year.
   3. Discussed the scheduling of BUSA 111, BCIS 110G, and UNIV 150 and how these courses may be optimally used to increase retention of business students from their freshman to sophomore years.

C. Scheduled next two meetings
   1. General meeting on Friday Feb 16th in BC 247 from 1-2pm to meet with BUSA 111 faculty.
   2. Special meeting with Dean Garrey Carruthers to hear his views on issues currently before the Undergraduate Cte., such as:
      BUSA 111/365,
      Ethics in the Curriculum, and
      the role of SAP ERP in the curriculum.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.