

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS COUNCIL (CBC)
Minutes of October 5, 2011

Attending:

Karin Braunsberger, Chair
James Fellows
Scott Geiger
William Jackson
Wei Guan
Richard Smith

Dean Maling Ebrahimpour, *by invitation*

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 11am. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Dean's proposal to form a new ad hoc committee, the AACSB Accreditation Review Committee.

Before that discussion took place, Professor Fellows asked the Dean why he had sent over to the USF system a formal pre-proposal for a new Master's degree in Accounting, without first consulting any of the tenured or tenure-earning faculty in the Program of Accountancy (POA). Professor Fellows mentioned that this was the same lack of consultation that occurred last year when the Dean, again without consulting the POA faculty, had sent over to the USF Board of Governors an initial proposal for the Master's degree in Accounting, for incorporation into its own system-wide work plan.

In addition, Professor Fellows noted that in neither case were these proposals vetted by the college graduate curricula committee, which he, Professor Fellows chairs. The Dean stated that all this was just a pre-proposal and he would never start a new program without the consent of the faculty.

The discussion about the AACSB Review Committee then ensued. The Dean said that he needed three faculty members to sit on a committee with three administrators to oversee the writing of the AACSB report. Some members of the CBC questioned why this was necessary, as it is the job of the administration team to write the final report. The Dean said that faculty input was needed on this report. Due to the lack of clarity about what this committee would be doing, and what role the faculty members would play, the CBC members asked the Dean to develop a job description for these three committee members as well as the committee. The Dean promised to do so.

Other business conducted by the CBC was the dissolution of the Blue Sky Committee (the Building Committee). The chair of the CBC, Karin Braunsberger, also noted that there may not have been proper elections from all the disciplines to the Annual Review and Awards Committee (ARAC). This may have been an oversight in one discipline, so Dr. Braunsberger said she would check on that matter.

Lastly, the minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45pm