Notes from Department Chairs Meeting, February 27, 2007

The Associate Dean, Dean, Department Chairs, and the Director of Resource Management met from 10:00 AM-noon.

Pat Huckle addressed the chairs about the Fulbright Scholars Program for faculty and students. She distributed several flyers on the programs. She would like to have more CBA faculty and students apply, and has made presentations to two Marketing 370 classes. The chairs can provide more information to interested faculty. Pat is happy to speak to classes or student groups if there is an interest.

Joe Passaretti, Senior Development Director who works with the CBA, gave an update on major development efforts. The CBA has approximately $50 million in projects in the university comprehensive campaign, and this does not include the naming rights of the college or the new building. Development has identified approximately 300 CBA alumni who are capable of making major gifts, and we will work with Joe to help identify any current or former faculty members who may have been a positive part of the CBA experience for these alumni.

Jim announced he had received a notice from Carole Venable about a training for Turnitin.com on Friday that ITS was doing for Accountancy/IDS faculty. Turnitin.com is a plagiarism software package for which the university has acquired a site license, and faculty need to participate in the training in order to use the software for their classes. Sharon said she would check with Carole to see if there was sufficient space to allow for other CBA faculty to attend.

Gail announced that Ken Marino has resigned as Associate Dean and Director of the Graduate Programs as of the end of this semester. Ken gave the CBA ten great years of service as the head of our graduate programs. She wanted feedback and suggestions on any changes that might be appropriate for the position and the structure of the office, particularly given the new complexities and challenges from the pending new graduate fee and proposed restructured MBA.

There is no language in the CBA Policy File on the process to fill the position. Deb said that when Ken was appointed, faculty were asked to nominate or self-nominate for the position. The Executive Committee evaluated the list of candidates and narrowed it to a couple of names to present to the Dean. Gail said she would get a job description and send out a notice to the faculty, and would ask the Executive Committee to evaluate the applicants.

Gail also reported that if/when there is a faculty strike, faculty who strike will not be paid for the days that they strike. The Deans have been told that they will be expected to report faculty who do not fulfill their contractual obligations (classes, office hours, etc.) on strike days.
Kelly came in to discuss the Fall 07 schedule. She is still working on the first SIMS cycle. With increase in the numbers of students in some of the majors this past year, we need to ensure that we have scheduled enough seats in the classes in the major beyond the core. With a limited number of classrooms, Kelly has maximized the utilization, with almost no time slots remaining from the rooms that we have assigned to us. When the first SIMS cycle ends, the university takes back all unscheduled classroom times.

Jim distributed a draft of the proposed AQ-PQ standards that the AQ-PQ subcommittee has been working on. He asked the Chairs to give him any comments on the suggested AQ standards by Friday and to run the PQ standards by some of the lecturers to assess the likelihood that the lecturers could obtain PQ status. Jim will share any comments with the AQ-PQ subcommittee and then call an all-college meeting to discuss the draft for an eventual vote by the college faculty.