The Associate Dean, Dean, Department Chairs, and the Director of Resource Management met from 10:00-11:30 AM. Kathy Krentler and Gary Grudnitski were invited as guests.

Jim has been in discussions with the Kathy, Gary, and Sandi Williams about our undergraduate impaction requirements and our ability to control the number of students matriculating to upper division business majors each semester. There have been record numbers of freshmen enrollments the past two Fall semesters, and we have already seen a major increase in demand on our ACCT 201 and FIN 240 classes this semester. Given the events of the past few years, Jim has been concerned about staffing the required major courses once these students are beyond the core in upper division.

These have led to discussions with the central administration. Jim met last week with Ernie Griffin, Special Assistant to the Associate Vice President, and invited him to speak to the group on these issues. The discussion focused on the problems the university currently faces in enrollment management, faculty issues related to that, and the CBA’s specific problems. According to Ernie, the other colleges have similar issues with insufficient tenure-track faculty lines to be able to offer programs in the most effective ways.

He was open to changing the CBA impaction criteria and gave some possible options, including having differential GPAs across the majors, using GPAs from the prep for the major, or a standardized entrance test. Gary and Kathy will be responsible for bringing these ideas back to the Undergraduate Committee to determine the next step.

The entire meeting focused on these issues. Jim also asked the chairs to let him know of their January vacation plans. If classes need to be added during registration week, he needs to know how to proceed, should they not be here.