Notes from Executive Committee Meeting, February 28, 2006

Present: Gail Naughton, Jim Lackritz, Ken Marino, Kathy Krentler, Sharon Lightner, Nik Variaya, John Penrose, Gangaram Singh, Joe Belch, Deb Tomic, Karen Courtney

The Executive Committee met from 10:00 AM - noon in the Deanís Conference Room.

We have been told that we need to spend our Extended Studies money by June 30. Previously, we have been allowed to roll this over from year to year. As Sports MBA and EMBA have been very successful this year, this leaves us with sufficient funds to do some long-needed projects and activities.

Deb detailed some of the office remodeling that is taking place between now and end of summer. Both department support groups will be redone, and the CGI Conference Room (SS 3375) will be converted to a smaller conference room and a faculty/staff lounge that retired faculty can also use. Some faculty offices will get new furniture and we will get new furniture for the Deanís Conference Room, if anyone can figure out how to get the table out.

Gail, Jim, and Deb introduced the idea of having some grant monies dedicated to address curriculum and teaching needs in the college. After considerable discussion, the group decided to have a working group composed of a faculty member from each department to research, study, and recommend if the CBA should pursue on-line courses. The group will look at programs from other schools, what is currently available, do a strengths/weaknesses assessment of programs, see what is available to purchase, and make a full recommendation back to the Executive Committee by August 15. As much of this work will be done during the summer, faculty serving on this committee will receive one-month summer stipend. Chairs have been asked to bring names of interested faculty to the next Chairs meeting on March 28.

At the same time, the Chairs will ask their departments for grant requests for faculty to work on curriculum and teaching-related issues that could enhance classroom instruction. These grants can be submitted individually or jointly by several faculty. Each Chair will bring the grants to the March 28 Chairs meeting.

We will support up to 10 faculty to attend the AACSB seminars and conferences that focus on teaching effectiveness. There is a Teaching Effectiveness Seminar in Tampa in March, but that is sold out. There is a Faculty Conference on Learning June 7-9 in St. Petersburg, FL which incorporates a variety of topics related to teaching effectiveness and learning. The Chairs will select interested faculty.

Gail addressed the academic plans for the Provost due on June 30. Each chair will address the effects of the faculty hires from the past 3-5 years on the program offerings of the department. Progress reports will be discussed at the next Chairs meeting.
The Chairs updated their recruiting efforts. Accounting has two acceptances and two offers out. Finance has accepted offers for the Managerial Economics and Investments positions, and is interviewing Business Law candidates. They will roll over the Real Estate position to next year. IDS interviewed two candidates for the Statistics position and chose not to make an offer to either candidate. They will re-open the search next year. Management is done, having gotten two acceptances, and Marketing has one more candidate coming in for the IMC position.

Gail mentioned the meeting to discuss new international opportunities will be moved to the Faculty/Staff Center.

Ken said that we were going to offer a dual degree MSBA with Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan. Fu Jen is an AACSB school.

Karen said she is working on a strategic plan for the Executive and Specialized programs. She shared a document she has created which shows the additional responsibilities that her office has absorbed since she began, slightly more than a year ago, and took SportsMBA under the responsibility of her office.