



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS FACULTY / STAFF MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019 1:30 PM

Greg Frazier, Sr. Associate Dean, opened the meeting at 1:34 PM.

CANVAS

Christy Spivey, the COB's Canvas "Champion", explained about the transition that is occurring from Blackboard to Canvas. There are two methods of transitioning courses to Canvas: White Glove Migration or Self Migration. A mass email with instructions was forwarded earlier this week to all faculty / staff. Professor Spivey reminded everyone to check their junk email with regard to a "Growing with Canvas" training email that was sent directly from Canvas. She highly recommends that everyone participate in this training. Joseph Rutledge will be offering Canvas training at Nedderman 319 on Fridays, 2-4 pm. Additional training or questions can be directed to Christy (Christy.spivey@uta.edu), Joseph (joseph.rutledge@uta.edu), or Canvas in general (canvasteam@uta.edu). For a point of clarification, Canvas can be used via computer or app on smart devices. A skeleton subscription will remain in effect for Blackboard for access to back data only; however, it is highly recommended that faculty go ahead and export their class information to Canvas.

WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY/STAFF

Dr. Frazier recognized new faculty: Santoso Budiman, Clinical Assoc. Professor, ISOM; Faye Cocchiara, Visiting Assistant Professor, MANA; and Cheryl Prachyl, Clinical Associate Professor, ACCT. He then recognized new staff: James Barberousse, Web Developer; Marybeth Findley, Executive Assistant to the Deans; Emmanuel Garcia, Academic Advisor II; Miluan Mack, Admin. Assistant, UG Advising; Wade Mathis, Computer User Services Specialist, OIIR; and Nitisha Polkondwar, Admin. Assistant, Dean's Office.

PROMOTIONS

Dr. Frazier then mentioned the following staff promotions: Jasmine Coker, Degree Plan Evaluator, UG Advising; Dr. Tatia Jordan, Director of Graduate Business Services; Jairo Omana-Penaranda, Director of OIIR; Katie Moffitt, Assistant Director of Recruitment and Marketing; and Andrea Yen, Associate Director of Graduate Business Services.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Ruthie Brock informed the meeting that the COB Library is still in the process of a continuing migration of the back end of the library and that this might cause some issues online. If so, please email her so that she can address these issues. She will also be sending out an email update about the COB Library.



TENURE TRACK FACULTY

Dr. Frazier updated the meeting about the tenure-track faculty searches which overall are doing well.

BUSINESS WEEK AND EXECUTIVE DINNER

Business Week will be March 25-29th this year with no Executive Dinner due to a venue conflict with the University in general. There is a need for additional classes to sign up to allow for speakers as the response to the invitation to speak has yielded 57 speakers so far.

UTA will be holding a Career Fair, Wednesday, February 27th from 10 am -3 pm at the MAC.

UPDATES

Rebecca Neilson, Assistant Dean, stated that ongoing discussions with housekeeping are occurring with regard to trash collection and that she will keep the COB informed.

Faculty grants / awards – Research expense grants up to 5K are due today while COB publication and practitioner awards are open for submissions still.

Jairo Omana –Penaranda asked that doors not be propped open anymore as this is a violation of Fire Code (2 swipes with pin entry should keep the door open). All software purchases need to be submitted through the new process of which he will be available to help anyone through. Any classroom support that may be needed can be submitted to 2-5230.

CURRICULUM ISSUES

COB enrollment has been trending slightly down over the past year which equates to no new growth funds. The University has dictated the following changes to curriculum: 1) lower level business statistics instead of calculus be offered and 2) Intro to Business instead of speech/communications be offered. Discussions are still being held with this regard. In addition, UNIV 1131 and UNIV 1101 will be offered for freshmen and transfer, respectively.

ONLINE MBA

Dr. Fernando Jaramillo gave a presentation on the decline in enrollment for the online MBA program. Discussion ensued. New initiatives are being designed. If questions or interested, please contact Dr. Jaramillo.

DEAN UPDATES

The Dean thanked Dr. Jaramillo for all his efforts in data gathering. He then thanked the members of his Budget Taskforce (George Benson, Bill Crowder, Grace Hao, Jeff McGee, Salil Sarkar, and Terry Skantz). The budget is remaining the same with the University being the center focus at this time. Initiatives are in place to create a new budget model in the future that is more transparent as well as being College first centric. The Study Abroad program is doing well with \$152K matched by UTA and an additional \$200K in the works. The Dean wants to make sure there is a fair allocation of resources, so the sooner students proclaim interest in this opportunity the better.



The Dean recognized the positive response to the new lighting and the new benches throughout the COB. He also announced that the Financial Analysis Lab should be opening in the next few weeks.

The Dean encouraged attendance to the UTA strategic plan sessions organized by the President. The COB Strategic Plan meeting will be March 11th and input is needed. This session will determine “how do we get to where we want to go.” This session will focus on creating an execution plan for that strategy.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

