California State University, Long Beach
College of Business Administration
Minutes of the Intellectual Contributions Task Force

Dean’s Conference Room, Thursday, April 12, 2007

Members Present: Josh Arnold, Richard Celsi, Herb Hunt, Melody Kiang, Chanwit Phengpis
Ex Officio: Mary Wolfinbarger
Guests: Professors Kathleen Lacey and Clyde Stoltenberg

Meeting was called to order at 2:50 pm

1. In the process of discussing the appropriate ranking for ICs on the vita of a prospective Faculty member in the IS department, the Committee determined that it required more information on the quality of various Business Communications conferences, proceedings and journals. The decision was made to invite Deborah Gaut to the next meeting to provide input to the Committee on these matters.

2. Professor Stoltenberg requested that the essence of private correspondence between him and Chair Hunt be incorporated into the minutes. The correspondence referred to by Professor Stoltenberg specifically requested that “…the IC Task Force replace Richard Celsi with another Marketing Dept. representative in the consideration of any B Law IC matters.” The basis for this request was that earlier communication between Professor Celsi and Professor Stoltenberg “reflects a level of hostility and contempt for the B Law group on the basis of which his objectivity on this matter can be seriously questioned.”

After communicating this correspondence and the formal request, Chair Hunt declined to take any action since the Committee members are appointed by the Dean, they serve at his pleasure and there is no precedence or authority for an ad hoc committee to reconstitute itself in response to such requests. Chair Hunt did state for the record that since the original formation of the Task Force in early 2005, he and Professor Celsi had been active members and he had not observed anything but even-handed, fair and professionally objective behavior on the part of Professor Celsi with respect to the IC work conducted by the Task Force.

3. Professors Lacey and Stoltenberg presented the Committee with several sets of materials that were intended to aid in the ranking and, in some cases, re-ranking, of the law journals. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the appropriate and acceptable ranking of the hundreds of law journals now in existence including the guidelines used by several other schools and colleges of business. One question on which there is some disagreement is whether all journals published by a particular law school should be ranked similarly, even though some of the more specialized journals have lower impact scores and rankings than the flagship journal. No decisions were made on law journal rankings at this meeting. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.
Respectfully submitted,

Herb Hunt
Recording Secretary

These minutes have been approved.