Milgard School of Business Faculty Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, March 6, 2026
Time: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Zoom

Attendees: Howard Smith, Abel Hernandez, Stephen Norman, Ray Fang, Shalini Jain, Jinlan Ni, Marion Eberly, Arindam Tripathy, Juan Wu, Altaf Merchant, Juliet Cao, Michael Turek, Haluk Demirkan, Ben Chen, Joseph Shin, Greg Rose, Rupinder Jindal, Daniel Bryan, Gordon Craig, Luna Zhang, Hui Suk So, Evy Shankus, Sergio Davalos, Fei Leng, Alireza Boloori, Stan Emert

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephen Norman moved to approve the minutes from the previous Faculty Meeting. Abel Hernandez seconded.
Outcome: Approved unanimously.

II. Non-Voting Items

None.

III. Voting Items

A. Graduate Faculty Vote: Hui Suk So, Ray Fang, Joseph Shin
Proposal: Approve graduate faculty status for Hui Suk So, Ray Fang, and Joseph Shin.
Motion: Luna Zhang moved approval. Daniel Bryan seconded.
Discussion: Marion Eberly clarified that graduate faculty status is distinct from approval to supervise PhD students or serve on dissertation committees, and that dissertation committee participation would require a separate vote if needed later.
Outcome: Approved by the graduate faculty present (17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

B. T FIN 451 and T FIN 452 New Course Proposals (Fei Leng)
Proposal: Add T FIN 451 Student Managed Investment Fund 1 and T FIN 452 Student Managed Investment Fund 2 as formal courses following the Student Managed Investment Fund pilot offerings. Fei Leng explained that students would develop investment plans for board approval, that substantial course time would be devoted to portfolio rebalancing, and that the two courses are independent rather than sequential.
Discussion: Faculty discussed whether voting materials had been shared early enough, whether the two courses were sufficiently distinct, the workload involved in teaching them, and the timeline for approval if the goal was to offer the courses in Autumn. Fei Leng described the first course as focused on asset allocation and the second on risk management and performance evaluation. It was noted that the normal approval timeline would make regular Fall approval difficult and mentioned temporary-course options. Hui Suk So stated that the slides had been submitted earlier and noted that the courses had already been piloted.
Outcome: By motion of Fei Leng, seconded by Arindam Tripathy, the faculty agreed to defer the course vote and conduct an electronic vote within one week.

C. Retire Inactive Courses (Area Recommendation)
Proposal: Retire T IS 324 Systems Analysis, T IS 441 Decision Support and Expert Systems, and T MKTG 471 E-Commerce. Hui Suk So reported that the three courses had not been offered since 2004 or 2009 and had been recommended for retirement by the relevant areas after UPC review.

Motion: Hui Suk So moved approval of the three area recommended retirements as a group. Sergio Davalos seconded.
Outcome: Approved unanimously.

D. Retire Inactive Courses (Faculty Feedback)
1. T BGEN 200 Introduction to Statistics in Business
Proposal: Retire T BGEN 200, which has not been offered since Winter 2016.
Motion: Hui Suk So moved approval. Sergio Davalos seconded.
Discussion: Hui Suk So noted that the course would require substantial redevelopment if it were ever offered again. Faculty discussed the Provost requested review of inactive courses, whether the course had once served as preparation for students who struggled in quantitative classes, and whether a future business statistics course might be redesigned if there were sufficient demand.
Outcome: Approved unanimously.

2. T BGEN 468 International Business Field Experience
Proposal: Retire T BGEN 468, which school records indicate has never been offered.
Motion: Hui Suk So moved approval. Evy Shankus seconded.
Discussion: Faculty discussed whether the course should remain available as a placeholder for possible international internship or study abroad internship opportunities. Some faculty noted that existing internship courses might already cover such experiences, while others preferred to preserve a separate course option in case it became useful later.
Outcome: Hui Suk So withdrew the motion for further review. No vote was taken.

IV. Executive Session
The meeting entered executive session for the Supply Chain Management/Business Analytics Assistant Teaching Professor search vote.

V. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned after executive session.