

Business Advisory Council

The general purpose of the Business Advisory Council shall be to provide advice, guidance, and support for the continuing development of high quality business programs at The University. The Council's role shall be advisory to the Dean and the faculty in promoting leadership in business and management. A copy of the current Constitution of the College's Business Advisory Council is contained in Attachment 2 of these *By-Laws*.

More specifically, the Council shall assist the College by:

- a. Providing advice and counsel to the Dean and faculty on all pertinent matters affecting the College, internal as well as external, so as to best relate the College and its programs to the changing needs of the business community.
- b. Supplementing the existing career counseling and placement services so as to increase the availability of job opportunities to The University's undergraduate and graduate business majors. This includes liaison and communication between business people and students to acquaint the latter with challenges and opportunities in business.
- c. Providing to the faculty continuing opportunities for meaningful business engagements, short-term employment in responsible positions, and other relationships and programs with the business community. This includes, but is not limited to, providing research support for faculty members by assisting them in gaining access to organizations or data bases and, if appropriate, providing research grants to faculty members.
- d. Sharing the special insight and expertise of business executives through classroom presentations or other meeting situations, executive-in-residence programs, executive-student counseling, faculty consultation and the like.
- e. Serving as a resource in faculty recruiting by meeting with prospective faculty members, enabling them to better understand the opportunities at The University.
- f. Assisting the College in acquiring the resources necessary to continue its development as a leader in business education by taking an active role in private fund-raising activities.
- g. Providing counsel to the Dean regarding the disposition of available financial resources in the College.

Article V

Student Organizations

The College of Business shall recognize appropriately constituted, business-oriented, student organizations which have as their primary purpose the enhancement of business knowledge and practice for students and the facilitation of communication between the student body, faculty, and administration of the College. The current roster of recognized student organizations is contained in Attachment 3 of these *By-Laws*.

Article VI

Interpretation

The faculty, through action taken in regular or called meetings, shall by majority vote (a quorum present) be the final authority on interpretation of these *By-Laws*. However, these *By-Laws* may not be interpreted in any manner that is inconsistent with any Collective Bargaining Agreement that is in force, the policies, rules and regulations of the University and the *Board of Trustees*, or the laws of the Federal Government and the State of Florida.

Article VII

Definitions

1. Rules & Regulations: The rules and regulations referred to in this document are the policies of the University as they may, from time to time, be amended. Any amendment to these policies shall become part of the *By-Laws* of the College of Business as if it were originally part of such *By-Laws*.
2. Earned Doctorate: An earned doctorate shall be any earned, terminal degree accepted by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business for accreditation purposes to the extent that such an interpretation is consistent with the policies of The University of West Florida and the requirements of the State of Florida.

Article VIII

Ratification

These *By-Laws* of the faculty of the College of Business shall become effective when approved by a two-thirds majority of the voting faculty present at a general faculty meeting, provided the required quorum is present at time of voting.

Article IX

Amendments

Only the faculty of the College of Business shall have the power to amend these *By-Laws*. The *By-Laws* amendment procedure is as follows:

- a. Proposals to amend the *By-Laws* shall be submitted to the College faculty no later than ten working days prior to any regularly scheduled faculty meeting or any special meeting called for the purpose of amending. Proposals may arise from any College of Business entity: Dean, College of Business committees and individuals.
- b. Proposed amendments must be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the voting faculty members present, provided the required quorum is present at the time of voting. Proxies, as previously discussed, are acceptable in amending the *By-Laws*.

This document was approved by the faculty of the College of Business on April 10, 2003

Chair, Business College Council

Dean, College of Business

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