

Via copy of this email, I am taking the liberty of informing the Faculty Senate about this change.

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I have been asked by a number of people today about a vote that took place in the EFIB department earlier in the week. I do not have all the details, but the email below summarized the outcome. I sent this email to the Provost earlier today so he could note the change in governance procedures for the department.

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Provost Grimes:

I am writing at this time to inform you that the Econ department (technically EFIB) in the College of Business has voted to change the governance option to be used for the remainder of the year. Initially the department selected the option to use a committee composed of two faculty members and the department chair ("option 2"). For what I consider very legitimate reasons, the chair decided to resign from the departmental personnel committee. According to section 8.3.3 of the *Faculty Handbook*, this vacancy should be filled by another "eligible" faculty member. However, since it was the department chair that resigned from the committee, there was no other "eligible" faculty member. As a consequence of this void, the department voted to reconsider the governance option it would select. A majority of the faculty voted for "option 3" in which the department chair will fill the role of departmental personnel committee.

I have reviewed carefully the relevant sections on the *Faculty Handbook* and find no evidence that the department's decision violates any provision of the *Faculty Handbook*. Thus, I find no reason to over-rule the will of a majority of the faculty in the department. If you would like, I can send to you a copy of the departmental minutes.