Faculty Council
March 8, 1999

Present: Bonnie Metcalf, DawnEllen Jacobs, Bruce Stokes, Wayne Swindall, Scott Key, Pat Kircher, Daniel Skubik, Dan Wilson, Susanne Reid, Erlinda Martinez, Jeff Cate, Bob Sheppy, Dick Mobley, Tim Luther, Mary Crist

• The meeting was opened with prayer.

• The minutes of the February 22, 1999 meeting were approved.

• The committee reviewed the proposal for the addition of a Management emphasis in the MBA program. The motion to approve the addition of the Management emphasis in the MBA was made, seconded and passed.

• The committee reviewed the recommendations for the General Education curriculum made by the General Education Task Force. Members discussed what criteria would be used to determine “T” (technology), “W” (writing), and “M” (multi-cultural) courses. Consensus was that the Faculty Council would develop this criteria. The suggestion to cross-list the comparative religions course in Christian Studies and Philosophy was discussed. This would allow for a broader instructor pool, improved student registration, and Liberal Studies students to use the course to meet state requirements. The motion to amend the General Education proposal so that comparative religions be cross-listed in Christian Studies and Philosophy was made, seconded, and passed.

Changes to the General Education program:
• Add Comparative Religions (cross-listed in CST and PHI); all Baptist students required to take CST 300 History of Baptist Thought; all non-Baptist students required to take Comparative Religions or History of Baptist Thought.
• Designate certain courses within each department as “T” (technology), “W” (writing), and “M” (multi-cultural) courses; students will be required to complete nine units of “T” coursework, 15 units of “W” coursework, and nine units of “M” coursework.

The motion to recommend the amended General Education proposal was made, seconded and passed.

• The proposal to revise the modern language requirement so that all students in the Bachelor of Arts take a year of a foreign language, regardless of level at entry, was tabled.

• Dr. Scott Key presented a proposal to begin an Honors track, with emphasis on primary sources and writing. The committee will review the proposal at the next meeting.