Members Present: Kay Palan (Chair), Satish Deshpande, Chris Stamper, Don Gribbin, Mushtaq Luqmani, Devrim Yaman, Mike Tarn, Robert Landeros, Decker Haines, Zahir Quraeshi

Guest: Stacey Markin

Recorder: Cyntia Reeves

Convened: 9:30 a.m.

**Topic:** **Discussion:**

*Trailblazers*  
Stacey Markin joined the meeting to discuss a new student recognition program that will be implemented this year. The program is designed to honor and recognize 25 exceptional students each year. Students submit an application to be considered as a “trailblazer”. These applications will be reviewed by a team of faculty and staff, who will select the top 25 students. At that point, the student body will vote for one of the 25 Trailblazers to be recognized as the most outstanding trailblazer. Specific award criteria need to be identified, but there is both an academic component and an extracurricular component to the award. Landeros and Haines will be meeting over the next few weeks to finalize the criteria. The PC agreed that graduate students should also be eligible for this award. A time line for the application/award process also needs to be finalized, however, it is likely that applications will be due and awards made during spring semester each year.

*Faculty Qualifications*  
The PC again reviewed departmental information on faculty qualifications. Because the college supports the American Journal of Business, publications in this journal will be considered to meet the standard of high quality. Department Chairs were again encouraged to discuss the upcoming changes at departmental meetings.

*PAR*  
PARs are due October 15th. Deshpande has finalized the changes to the PAR for HCOB. He will send the final version to the department chairs and look at posting the form on the college website.