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March 11th 2014 Faculty Meeting

Chaired by Dr. M. Mehrabadi

Faculty present: A. Ashrafi, K. May-Newman, F. Miller, A. Beyene, K. Morsi, L. Demasi, N. Nosseir, Y. Ozturk, S. Sharma, R. Kline, K. Walsh, B. Westermo, C. Paolini, M. Pierucci (guest)

Faculty Absent: A. Alimohammad, L. Lee, T. Alves, L. Marino, Z. Bayasi, R. Betancourt, T. Mitropoulos, S. Bhattacharjee, K. Moon, F. Buyuksonmez, S. Nagaraj, R. Dowell, B. Narang, A. E. Engin, T. Garoma, R. German, A. Plotkin, M. Gupta, M. Ponce, f. harris, M. Sarkar, J. Harris, S. Seshagiri, D. Hayhurst, G. Jacobs, R. Sabzehgar, T. Johnston, J. Supernak, S. Kassegne, A. Szeto, R. L. Tummala, J. Kennedy, J. Valdes, S. Venkataraman, P. Kolen, S. Kumar

Faculty Absent (Justified): J. Katz

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Meeting called to order (11:05 AM).
- 2. Dr. Paolini has been elected IT leader of the college. He will meet with individual faculty for feedback and needs. The IT group is required to perform many tasks and the morale of the workers needs to be improved.
- 3. Dean Mehrabadi discussed the excellence fee and stated that it will be used to have new faculty lines and reduce class sizes. The University will begin charging an Excellence Fee of \$50 per semester in AY 2014-15. The Fee will increase \$50 per year until it reaches \$200 per semester in AY 2017-18.
- 4. The search committees in the different departments reported the status of the faculty search in progress in the College.
- 5. Dean Mehrabadi discussed the 120-unit requirement for undergraduate studies. The CSU Long Beach College of Engineering will be a good model to use for double counting Upper Division Engineering courses as GE Exploration courses.
- 6. Dean Mehrabadi mentioned the new online routing of proposal at the Foundation and received a feedback from faculty about the difficulty of the process.
- 7. Dr. Olevsky reported about the Joint Doctoral Program. Twenty students is the current cap. There are 17 candidates and 7 available positions. A discussion on the sustainability of the program and about the rules took place.
- 8. There was a discussion on the software used for research: the chairs of the departments should support the faculty on this regard.

Minutes prepared by Dr. Luciano Demasi