



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY MEETING
Minutes of
Monday, August 22, 2016
Gold Auditorium, Bioscience Center

Faculty Members Present: J. Abraham, B. Aksanli, A. Alimohammad, T. Alves, A. Ashrafi, A. Beyene, S. Bhattacharjee, J. Camacho, L. Demasi, T. Garcia, S. Ghanipour Machiani, M. Gupta, f. harris, K. Huang, G. Jacobs, T. Johnston, P. Katira, J. Katz, A. Kinoshita, S. Kumar, X. Liu, P. Lu, K. May-Newman, M. Mehrabadi, C. Mi, F. Miller, T. Mitropoulos, N. Mladenov, K. Moon, K. Morsi, B. Narang, P. Naserdinmousavi, B. Nguyen, N. Nosseir, E. Olvesky, Y. Ozturk, A. Plotkin, V. Ponce, R. Sabzehgar, M. Sarkar, J. Supernak, A. Szeto, Y. Teh, S. Venkataraman, T. Yang, G. Youssef

Members Absent: K. Akbari Hamed, I. Battiato, Z. Bayasi, R. Betancourt, F. Buyuksonmez, R. Dowell, A. Engin, J. Kennedy, R. Kline, L. Lee, S. Nagaraj, S. Seshagiri, R. Tummala

Members Excused: T. Garoma (conference), S. Kassegne (sabbatical), P. Kolen (FERP), S. Sharma (conference), J. Valdes (sabbatical), K. Walsh (SDSU Georgia)

Guest Names: Leslie Schibsted, AVP Development, Dan Montoya, Assistant VP for Alumni Engagement

Dean Mehrabadi called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

1) Introduction of New Faculty & Announcements

- A) The Dean started out by announcing that six new faculty have been recruited, five of whom have already joined.
- B) Dr. Ponce received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Alumni Association.
- C) Dr. Garoma was promoted to full professor.
- D) FTES 1829 now as opposed to 1762 last year this time.
- E) The Dean has recruited 19 faculty during his tenure. We need more faculty as our growth rate is highest amongst all CSU Colleges. The EIS building construction is going well, everything on schedule.
- F) The Dean introduced all the five new faculty (the sixth faculty will join in 2017). He also announced the recruitment of Alyssa Gager, Mechanical Engineering Department Coordinator.
- G) He then gave a 25 year service award to yours truly.
- H) Dan Montoya was given an award as an appreciation for his service as the CoE Senior Director of Development.

2) University Relations & Development

- A) Leslie Schibsted, AVP Development and Dan Montoya, Assistant VP for Alumni Engagement talked about Alumni outreach.
- B) Kim Dufour will take over from Dan, as the new CoE Senior Director of Development.
- C) \$29.5 million was raised (both cash and estate gifts). There are 13,000 alumni with a huge potential for increasing this amount.

3) College of Engineering Committee Elections 2016-17

- A) The Dean talked about creating an Intranet for Committees.
- B) The Dean then went through: i) Faculty Secretary; ii) Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Dr. Ozturk was elected as the Chair of the Committee and Parliamentarian with an ending term of January 2019); iii) UPTRP Representative: Dr. Olevsky is not eligible to serve in 16-17 as he is now the Associate Dean

for Graduate Studies & Research. A secret ballot was conducted with Drs. Kumar, May-Newman and Moon as the nominees. Dr. May-Newman was elected and will serve for remainder of Dr. Olevsky's term which ends in May 2017; iv) the following standing Committees were discussed: Personnel, Tenure & Promotion, Scholarship and Awards, Academic Policy and Planning, Curriculum, and Intramural Grants; and v) the following Ad-Hoc Committees were discussed: Graduate Studies & Research Programs, Computer Infrastructure & Software, and International Programs.

4) College Policy for Voting By E-mail

The Dean discussed e-voting for the CoE tenure/tenure-track faculty to approve to amend the CoE Policy File. No voting took place at the Retreat, and Dr. Ponce made a motion and Dr. Beyene seconded, that the e-voting policy be referred to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee for review and then sent out to the Faculty for approval. The motion was unanimously put in place and the Dean will submit the e-voting policy to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

5) Academic Advising

A) Theresa Garcia talked about PACES to streamline advising for lower division engineering students.

B) The Dean mentioned that our 4-year graduation stat is only 18.5% as opposed to 54% for the university.

6) Approval of the 2/9/16 & 5/3/2016 CoE Faculty Meeting Minutes

The 2/9/16 & 5/3/2016 CoE Faculty Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

****10-minute intermission provided before the start of the CoE Faculty & Staff Meeting****

7) Dean's Remarks for Faculty & Staff

A) The Dean started the second half of the Retreat by stating that all the goals set on FTES, research grant, etc., have been met. FTES and FTEF discussion ensued. The current FTEF/FTES is 27. Whole CSU is 22.

B) The Dean introduced each new faculty once again for the benefit of Staff who joined the meeting after the intermission.

C) The Dean discussed the vision, mission, and strategic initiatives; student success initiatives and Student Faculty Ratio (SFR) was discussed.

D) Six new faculty positions are currently open for AY 2017-18.

E) Dean discussed awards to COE Faculty and presented a bar chart showing a 102% increase from 2014 to 2016. Total amount awarded in 2016 is \$8.8 Million (research and non-research).

F) In 2005 College of engineering was number 7 in the University in research awards grant and since 2013 we have been number 3 every year.

G) The dean discussed Community and Communications programs such as MESA, Project Lead the Way, and Troops to Engineers.

H) The fund raising goal for Engineering was \$10 million and we raised \$10.4 Million. This achievement was applauded by Faculty and Staff.

I) Suggestion was made for expressing funding data on per FTEF and per FTES basis.

J) Grader money was briefly discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Dr. Subrata Bhattacharjee on August 23, 2016