



SAN DIEGO STATE
UNIVERSITY
College of Engineering

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY MEETING
Minutes of
Tuesday, December 6, 2016
Bioscience Center - Gold Auditorium

Faculty Members Present: J. Abraham, K. Akbari Hamed, B. Aksanli, A. Alimohammad, T. Alves, A. Ashrafi, S. Bhattacharjee, F. Buyuksonmez, J. Camacho, A. Engin, T. Garcia, T. Garoma, S. Ghanipoor Machiani, M. Gupta, f. harris, K. Huang, T. Johnston, A. Kinoshita, S. Kumar, X. Liu, P. Lu, K. May-Newman, M. Mehrabadi, N. Mladenov, K. Morsi, B. Narang, P. Naserdinmousavi, D. Nguyen, E. Olevsky, A. Plotkin, Y. Teh, T. Yang, G. Youssef

Members Absent: I. Battiato, Z. Bayasi, R. Betancourt, L. Demasi, R. Dowell, G. Jacobs, R. Kline, L. Lee, T. Mitropoulos, K. Moon, S. Nagaraj, V. Ponce, R. Sabzehgar, M. Sarkar, S. Seshagiri, J. Supernak, A. Szeto, R. Tummala

Members Excused: A. Beyene (meeting), S. Kassegne (sabbatical), P. Katira (meeting), J. Katz (class), J. Kennedy (class), P. Kolen (FERP), C. Mi (meeting), F. Miller (conference), N. Nosseir (FERP), Y. Ozturk (meeting), S. Sharma (meeting), J. Valdes (sabbatical), S. Venkataraman (proposal deadline), K. Walsh (SDSU Georgia)

Staff Members Present: M. Morihiro, C. Paolini

Guests Present: Kat Marian – Capital Project Planner, Facilities Planning, Design & Construction and Al Kirsininkas – Senior Construction Manager, O'Connor Construction

Dean Mehrabadi called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

1) Updates on Engineering Roof Leak & December Power Outage

A) Engineering Roof Leak – Kat Marian and Al Kirsininkas discussed the roof leak and concerns were raised about mold and whether carpet would be replaced. Kat and Al informed Faculty that Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) was having an outside contractor test for mold and that carpet replacement would be discussed upon the final mold test results. [Update 2/7/17 by Marcie Morihiro – The contracted company for EHS provided test results and all tests came back negative for any mold in the affected rooms/offices/labs of the roof leak].

B) December Power Outage – Al Kirsininkas announced that final power outage dates are December 31st through January 2nd, 2017. Power is being shut down to put the new Engineering Interdisciplinary (EIS) Complex on the main power grid and large generators will be used to supply power to the affected buildings on campus. Dr. Christopher Paolini informed the Faculty that all computers and servers will be shut down starting December 30th and will be brought back up on January 3rd, 2017. The Internet will be down campus wide, however, SDSU email will work when accessed from outside the campus.

2) Approval of 10/4/16 Faculty Meeting & 8/22/16 CoE Faculty Retreat Meeting Minutes

The Minutes from the past meetings, 10-4-16 and 8-22-16, were approved.

3) Announcements & Updates

A) SDSU-Georgia Program - The Dean discussed the SDSU Georgia program.

B) CoE Representative to University RTP Committee (2016-17) - The Dean mentioned that the UPTRP Representative for the CoE, Dr. Karen May Newman, had to withdraw from the position because of other commitments and she apologized. The Dean reached out to other Faculty, who also had other commitments, as well as Faculty on sabbatical were also approached. Dr. Julio Valdez, who is on sabbatical, agreed to serve as the CoE UPTRP Representative at the Dean's request. The Dean then consulted the APP Committee who suggested that the nomination be made in the Faculty meeting. Accordingly, Dr. Julio Valdez was nominated and unanimously voted by the Faculty members present to represent the CoE as the UPTRP Representative.

A discussion was started on the CoE Bylaws and Assigned Time (AT) Policy with regard to serving on the UPTRP. The Dean said he is perfectly open to modifying the AT policy so that in the future the UPTRP representative is given Assigned Time.

C) Staff Updates – The Dean announced that Amy Jensen, the new CoE Administrative Analyst will join the College on December 12, 2017 and Paul Ahlers, the new AE Equipment Technician will be starting on January 3, 2017.

D) Faculty Searches – Faculty search updates were announced by Department Chairs/Search Committee Chairs.

E) Student Success – i) The Dean showed a chart of the Student Success Fund Awarded to SDSU students and Engineering students received \$274K of the \$950K awarded; ii) Enrollment in various Colleges have shifted significantly in the past five years. In Fall 2011, 9% of SDSU students were enrolled in Engineering. In comparison, the College of Arts & Letters had 16% of SDSU students. In Fall 2016, the percentage of students enrolled in Engineering and Arts and Letters were almost 13%. In five years the CoE has had the largest growth in enrollment among SDSU Colleges.

F) Research & Graduate Studies – i) The Dean discussed the research grants; ii) the CCEE Department received a University Transportation Center grant in collaboration with Virginia Tech; and iii) the CoE had a 102% increase in research awards over last year while the whole university only had a 4% increase.

G) Spring 2017 Faculty Meetings – The Dean announced the Spring 2017 Faculty Meeting dates which will be held on Tuesdays, February 14, 2017 and April 18, 2017, from 11am-12pm, in the Bioscience Gold Auditorium.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

Minutes submitted by Dr. Subrata Bhattacharjee on Dec 6, 2016.