



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY MEETING
Minutes of Tuesday, Feb 13, 2018 – 11:00am-12:00pm
Gold Auditorium, Bioscience Center

Faculty Members Present: B. Aksanli, A. Alimohammad, A. Ashrafi, S. Bhattacharjee, J. Camacho, L. Demasi, A. Engin, T. Garcia, T. Garoma, S. Ghanipoor Machiani, M. Gupta, G. Jacobs, J. Katz, A. Kinoshita, X. Liu, P. Lu, M. Mehrabadi, C. Mi, F. Miller, B. Narang, D. Nguyen, E. Olevsky, Y. Ozturk, J. Supernak, Y. Teh, H. Töreyn, M. Verbyla, W. Xu

Members Absent: K. Akbari Hamed, Z. Bayasi, R. Betancourt, A. Beyene, F. Buyuksonmez, R. Dowell, K. Huang, S. Kassegne, P. Katira, S. Kumar, K. May-Newman, T. Mitropoulos, K. Moon, K. Morsi, S. Nagaraj, P. Naseradinmousavi, N. Nosseir, V. Ponce, R. Sabzehgar, M. Sarkar, S. Seshagiri, A. Szeto, J. Valdes

Members Excused: J. Abraham (candidate interview), T. Alves (sabbatical), T. Johnston (class), J. Kennedy (class), R. Kline (FERP), L. Lee (FERP), N. Mladenov (class), H. Nourollahi (class), A. Plotkin (class), S. Sharma (training), R. Tummala (FERP), S. Venkataraman (Sabbatical), K. Walsh (SDSU Georgia), A. Younes (meeting), G. Youssef (meeting)

Staff Members Present: M. Morihiro, C. Paolini

Dean Mehrabadi called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

1) Announcements and Updates

The Dean started the meeting with announcements and updates:

- A) The Dean talked about the SDSU Alumni really enjoying the EIS Dedication Ceremony and the EIS Complex. Ten faculty have moved with their laboratories to the new EIS Complex.
- B) Theresa Garcia talked about the new Center for Student Success in Engineering (CSSE). E-221B is the new location for the CSSE. Lower division advising is still being done by the Peer Advising Center for Engineering Students (PACES) in the new Center. Theresa also discussed Cal Senate Bill 1359 which requires campuses to highlight online classes for which low cost online books are available. To be compliant with this law, every faculty should submit their book request to the SDSU Bookstore in time.
- C) The Dean talked about the (11) searches that are underway. All these searches are going well with some of the searches near completion.
- D) The Dean showed a slide of the (16) faculty that have separated or applied for FERP.

2) Undergraduate Studies Issues

- A) The Dean announced that \$1.525M was awarded to SDSU Student Success Fund in fall 2017.
- B) The Senate voted against the CoE 120-unit reduction of units proposal and the Dean wants Departments to start writing new proposals modeled after other successful CSU proposals (i.e., CSU Long Beach) for another try in the AY 2018-19.
- C) The Dean updated on the latest US News and World Report rankings: We are tied at #61 with University of Alabama, UCSC, University of Missouri, Louisiana State University, etc., among public universities ranking. The nearest CSU is CSU Long Beach ranked at #78. Last year our rank was #66. Our goal is to be in the top 50.

3) Research & Graduate Studies Issues

- A) Dr. Olevsky reported on the Independent PhD proposals. Three proposals – Advanced Manufacturing, Civil Engineering, and Space Engineering – are being developed.

B) The Dean talked about the Research Awards to Engineering Pls. FY 2017 and FY 2018 numbers are \$4.4M and \$3.9M respectively.

4) **Spring 2018 CoE Important Dates to Remember**

The Dean encouraged CoE faculty to attend the Senior Banquet/Reception, as well as the Engineering Commencement Ceremony taking place on Saturday, May 12, 2018, from 5:30pm-7:30pm, at Viejas Arena.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM.

Minutes submitted by Dr. Subrata Bhattacharjee on February 13, 2018.