



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY MEETING
Minutes of Wednesday, Dec 5, 2017 – 11am-12:00pm
Gold Auditorium, Bioscience Center

Faculty Members Present: J. Abraham, B. Aksanli, A. Alimohammad, T. Alves, A. Ashrafi, S. Bhattacharjee, J. Camacho, A. Engin, T. Garcia, S. Ghanipoor Machiani, P. Katira, A. Kinoshita, P. Lu, M. Mehrabadi, C. Mi, F. Miller, N. Mladenov, K. Moon, B. Narang, D. Nguyen, E. Olevsky, Y. Ozturk, A. Plotkin, R. Sabzehgar, J. Supernak, Y. Teh, H. Töreyn, R. Tummala, J. Valdes, W. Xu, G. Youssef

Members Absent: K. Akbari Hamed, Z. Bayasi, R. Betancourt, F. Buyuksonmez, L. Demasi, R. Dowell, M. Gupta, K. Huang, G. Jacobs, S. Kassegne, R. Kline, S. Kumar, L. Lee, X. Liu, K. May-Newman, T. Mitropoulos, K. Morsi, S. Nagaraj, P. Naserdinmousavi, H. Nourollahi, V. Ponce, M. Sarkar, S. Seshagiri, S. Sharma, M. Verbyla

Members Excused: A. Beyene (sabbatical), T. Garoma (candidate interview), T. Johnston (class), J. Katz (class), J. Kennedy (class), N. Nosseir (FERP), A. Szeto (FERP), S. Venkataraman (conference call), K. Walsh (SDSU Georgia)

Staff Members Present: M. Morihoro, C. Paolini

Dean Mehrabadi called the meeting to order at 11:03 am.

1) Announcements and Updates

The Dean started the meeting with announcements and updates:

- A) EIS Complex Dedication Ceremony is on January 16, 2018, starting at 10:00am, which includes an opening ceremony and open house. There will be (9) activity stations.
- B) The Dean announced the hiring of Ms. Allyson Korba, ME Administrative Support Coordinator, and the AE Administrative Support Coordinator, Mr. Damien Rosales, is now a full-time position
- C) Faculty searches for 11 positions are vigorously underway. Each Search Committee Chair (or the Department Chair) updated the status of the searches. We currently have 62 faculty (including FERP). With the 11 new faculty hires, the COE will have 73 faculty. The CoE is the only College with net growth in faculty number.

2) Undergraduate Studies Issues

- A) The Dean spoke about the setback in the 120-unit curriculum reduction of units. In the proposal submitted, the CoE claimed that the lower division course has a social science component and the Social Science faculty vehemently argued against this. The University Senate voted 42-27 against the CoE proposal. There are other successful models (for example, CSU Long Beach) that the CoE could follow next time.
- B) Assistant Dean Theresa Garcia discussed the Student Success Fund and how it is being used.

3) Research & Graduate Studies Issues

- A) While undergraduate enrollment is continuing to increase, the graduate enrollment has been declining since 2015. From 458 in 2015, enrollment decreased to 386 in 2016 and 314 in 2017.
- B) The Research Awards to Engineering PI's was approximately \$3.4M as of 12/3/2017 where as the same time in 2016, the amount was \$4.2M.
- C) Dr. Eugene Olevsky, Associate Dean for Graduate & Research Studies, provided an update on the IDP proposals. Three programs are under consideration: Advanced Manufacturing, Civil Engineering, and

Space Engineering. The proposals are quite comprehensive with just the appendices having hundreds of documents.

4) **Spring 2018 Faculty Meetings**

The Dean announced the Spring 2018 Faculty Meetings will be held on the following Tuesdays from 11am-12pm, in the Bioscience Gold Auditorium: February 13 and April 24.

5) **Other Business**

A) Dr. Yusuf Ozturk, Chair of the CoE Constitution & Bylaws Committee, mentioned the progress of Committee's work on the CoE Constitution & Bylaws.

B) Approval of the October 10, 2017 Faculty Meeting Minutes – Quorum was met and the October 10, 2017 Faculty Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

The last meeting of 2017 was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Dr. Subrata Bhattacharjee on Dec 5, 2017.