



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY MEETING
Minutes of
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Gold Auditorium, Bioscience Center

Faculty Members Present: J. Abraham, R. Akhavian, B. Aksanli, A. Alimohammad, T. Alves, A. Ashrafi, A. Bani Younes, A. Beyene, A. Bhalla, S. Bhattacharjee, J. Camacho, J. Chen, L. Demasi, C. Dykstra, A. Engin, T. Garcia, T. Garoma, S. Ghanipoor Machiani, M. Gupta, A. Jahangiri, J. Kang, A. Kinoshita, X. Liu, P. Lu, K. May-Newman, M. Miletic, N. Mladenov, K. Moon, K. Morsi, E. Olevsky, Y. Ozturk, C. Paolini, A. Plotkin, P. Popov, R. Sabzehgar, S. Seshagiri, J. Supernak, H. Tavakol, Y. Teh, H. Töreyin, J. Valdes, S. Venkataraman, M. Verbyla, J. Xie, W. Xu, G. Youssef

Members Absent: Z. Bayasi, R. Betancourt, R. Dowell, K. Huang, G. Jacobs, S. Kassegne, P. Katira, R. Kline, S. Kumar, F. Miller, T. Mitropoulos, S. Nagaraj, B. Narang, D. Nguyen, H. Nourollahi, S. Park, V. Ponce, M. Sarkar, S. Sharma, R. Tummala

Members Excused: T. Johnston (class), J. Katz (class), S. Manshadi (class), C. Mi (conference call), P. Naseradinmousavi (conference), N. Nosseir (FERP), A. Szeto (FERP), K. Wood (conference call)

Staff Members Present: K. Carinder, M. Morihiro, M. Stump

Guest: Dr. Steve Welter - VP Research & Dean of Graduate Affairs and Dr. Ed Balsdon - Associate Dean, Graduate & Research Affairs

Dean Olevsky called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

1) Announcement & Updates

- A) Kate Carinder, Senior Director of Development for Engineering, provided the following updates: i) 2018-19 CoE raised over \$6M; ii) Development FY 19-20 goal is \$4M; and iii) the CoE received two gifts from our College, Supernak Award for Excellence and the Daisy Galeana and Theresa M. Garcia MESA Collaborative Annex.
- B) Dean Olevsky provided the following updates: i) (2) new staff hires: Bianca Avina, School Programs Manager, Femineer Program and Lance Rallof, Program Coordinator for ANSWER; and ii) Six faculty searches for 2020-21: (4) Assistant Professor positions and (2) Associate Dean positions.

2) State of the College

Dean Olevsky covered the following topics:

- A) 19/20 instructional budget & operational budget status
- B) Undergraduate Program - Eligibility index reached high levels in the past couple of years, which caused a decrease in yield rate.
- C) Research and Graduate Program:
 - 1) Research awards to Engineering PIs in the past year approached \$8.5M.

- 2) JDP enrollment continues to increase.
- 3) MS programs, enrollment has been declining over the past few years.
- 4) University plan for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) - There are nine members in the CoE DEI Council.

3) **Approval of 8/22/2019 Fall 2019 CoE Retreat Minutes**

The minutes of the 8/22/19 Fall 2019 CoE Retreat were unanimously approved by all faculty present.

4) **Dr. Steve Welter (VP Research & Dean of Graduate Affairs) - College Research & JDP Program**

Dr. Welter addressed issues regarding:

- A) Ph.D. students: Admit/enrollment/total # increase over the past five years. There is a risk that for future JDP students there will not be sufficient funding from the University to cover JDP expenses. Additional external funding sources are needed.
- B) New funding programs, NRTW, and TA net funding could be the potential solutions to the JDP financial issue.
- C) Extended discussions amongst Dr. Welter and CoE faculty regarding grant matching mechanism and University, College, Departments and faculty need to be involved. Equipment fund awards to be disclosed soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04pm.

Minutes submitted by Dr. Wenwu Xu on October 9, 2019.