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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021  
2:00pm-4:30pm, Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees: Dean Olevsky; Drs. J. Abraham, T. Garoma, P. Lu, C. Mi, Y. Ozturk, J. Supernak; Asst. Dean Garcia and Marcie Morihoro

Dean Olevsky called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.

### 1. URAD Engineering Update

Kate Cariner, Sr. Dir. of Development for Engineering, provided the following updates:

- i) CoE has met its \$6M goal for 2020-21 FY; and ii) (45) total endowed funds across all Engineering Departments and CoE endowment is now at \$22M.

### 2. Approval of 3/3/2021 Exec. Comm. Mtg. Minutes

The Executive Committee Members unanimously approved the 3/3/2021 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, with minor changes to item #7.

### 3. University Administration Meetings

Dean Olevsky provided the following updates:

- 1) Deans Development Council (DDC) – Dean Olevsky shared graphs shown in DDC meeting on Philanthropic Support by Source and Alumni Donors
- 2) Academic Deans Council (ADC) – i) Discussed budget; and ii) offering of classes for Fall 2021, continued discussion on several large tent classrooms to allow social distancing for classes larger than 100 students.

### 4. Update on Faculty Searches

AE Aerodynamics – Dr. Lu – Received (103) applications and interviewing with final candidates through Zoom over the next two weeks.

CCEE Coastal – Dean Olevsky – Dr. Ignacio Sepulveda accepted the position.

CCEE Sustainable Infrastructure – Dean Olevsky – The search has been restarted.

ME Computational Mechanics – Dean Olevsky - Dr. Qizhi He will join the ME Department.

CoE Associate Deans – Starting from July 1, 2021, Dr. Garoma will be Associate Dean for Graduate Studies & Research, no longer Interim.

### 5. Explore SDSU

Asst. Dean Garcia shared the following:

- 1) Explore Day 1, Academic Focus ([https://admissions.sdsu.edu/tours\\_events/explore/virtual-explore](https://admissions.sdsu.edu/tours_events/explore/virtual-explore))
  - A) This Saturday, 3/20 – “Inside Academics”
    - Dean’s Session 10-10:55am
    - Dept. Sessions 11-11:55am
  - B) Explore Day 2, April 17 – ‘Beyond the Classroom’
    - Consider including students
    - Consider including pre-recorded videos
  - C) Dean and Department Chairs should record Explore sessions
    - Recording will be posted on Explore site
    - Public can watch at anytime after live events

6. EAB Advising Update

Asst. Dean Garcia shared the following:

- 1) SDSU Navigate (EAB) CoE Spring 2021 Pilot
  - a) CoE invited to present at Provost Advising Forum
  - b) Freshman/Sophomore Alerts & Campaigns well underway and shared a screenshot of the Spring 2021 Campaigns progress to date
  - c) Paused on Junior/Senior Alerts & Campaigns

7. GI 2025 Update

Asst. Dean Garcia shared the following:

- 1) Asst. Dean Garcia and Interim Assoc. Dean Ozturk are working on a new 2-year funding proposal
  - a) Supports CSEE
    - Tutoring
    - Advising: Peer and Internship/Career
- 2) Fall 2021 Incoming Class
  - a) New Student Orientation
  - b) Universal Advising Model
  - c) New Curriculum

8. Research/Grant Updates

Interim Assoc. Dean Garoma provided the following updates:

- 1) CoE Grant Activity Comparison between FY 2021 (as of 3/17/2021) and FY 2020 showing #Awards and Total Research Dollars by Departments.
- 2) Showed pie charts of CoE Grant Activity Comparison between FY2021 (as of 3/17/2021) and FY 2020 of the F&A and Direct Costs.

9. JDP Updates

Interim Assoc. Dean Garoma provided the following updates:

- 1) JDP Fall 2021 Applications:
  - A) Review Round 1 (1/8/21) – (25) applications reviewed with (14) Recommended for Admission and (11) Denied Admissions.
  - B) Review Round 2 (1/15/21) – (6) applications reviewed with (5) Recommended for Admission and (1) Denied Admission.
  - C) Review Round 3 (1/25/21) – (8) applications reviewed with (5) Recommended for Admission and (3) Denied Admissions.
  - D) Review Round 4 (2/11/21) – (4) applications reviewed with (3) Recommended for Admission and (1) Denied Admission.
  - E) Review Round 5 (2/17/21) – (12) applications reviewed with (8) Recommended for Admission and (4) Denied Admissions.
  - F) Review Round 6 (3/4/2021) – (14) applications reviewed with (9) Recommended for Admission and (5) Denied Admissions.
- 2) University is holding a forum to Explore Potential Doctoral Degree Expansion at SDSU and campus wide invite has been sent. As well, Interim Assoc. Dean Garoma forwarded email to the CoE Faculty list serve. Forum will be held on Monday, March 22 at 3:30pm-5:00pm, via Zoom:  
<https://SDSU.zoom.us/j/83322668507>
- 3) Shared results of the U.S. News 2022 Best Engineering Schools Rankings

10. Master's Programs Updates

Interim Assoc. Dean Garoma provided a comparison of Fall 2020 (10/1/2019-3/6/2020) and Fall 2021 (10/1/2020-3/5/2021) MS Applications for New Master's Seeking CA Residents, New Master's Seeking Non-resident & International in Fall 2021, by Department with total applications, admits and target numbers and intents to enroll.

11. ABET Preparation

Interim Assoc. Dean Ozturk provided the following updates:

- 1) Interim Assoc. Dean Ozturk confirmed that we received confirmation from ABET that we are approved for the Engineering ABET Review and he is still awaiting word from ABET whether the visit will be virtual or in-person this week.
- 2) Interim Assoc. Dean Ozturk confirmed that Appendix D and Criterion 7 are complete. He is currently working on an Advising document. All documents are in the Google Shared Drive.

12. UG Curriculum Issues

Interim Assoc. Dean Ozturk provided the following updates:

- 1) Met with College of Arts & Letters about a 5-year Engineering & German Language Dual Degree Program that is already offered and doing well at three other universities across the US. Executive Committee members further discussed details of the possible program and impact on the CoE Graduation Rate.
- 2) Fall Program – Tents for large in-person classes and using staggered and parallel sections to accommodate as many in-person classes as possible.
- 3) Construction Management Program – Interim Assoc. Dean Ozturk is working with Dr. Thais Alves for those Engineering students that are struggling in other Engineering areas to see if they would be successful in the Construction Management Program before trying to move the student to the IS3D degree.

13. Important Dates

Spring 2021

- **March 19-20, 2021 (Fri & Sat) – Virtual Student Research Symposium** – More information to be posted at: [https://research.sdsu.edu/research\\_affairs/student\\_research\\_symposium](https://research.sdsu.edu/research_affairs/student_research_symposium)
- **March 20, 2021 (Sat) – 10:00am-12:00pm - Explore SDSU Day 1 (Academic Focus)** – via Zoom
- **April 13, 2021 (Tue) – 11:00am-12:00pm – CoE Faculty Mtg** – via Zoom
- **April 14, 2021 (Wed) – 1:30pm-2:30pm – CoE Staff Mtg** – via Zoom
- **April 17, 2021 (Sat) – 10:00am-12:00pm - Explore SDSU Day 2 (Out of Classroom Focus)** – via Zoom
- **May 5, 2021 (Wed) – 9:00am-12:00pm – Engineering Dean’s Advisory Board Mtg** – via Zoom
- **May 5, 2021 (Wed) – 1:00pm-4:30pm – Spring 2021 Engineering Design Day** – via Zoom
- **May 2021 – Engineering Commencement** – Format to be announced

14. Roundtable

Asst. Dean Garcia – i) Provided a brief update on possible Commencement modes; and ii) some Engineering clubs have taken advantage of the opportunity to have one in-person event on campus this semester.

Interim Assoc. Dean Ozturk – Met with Elisa East, Troops to Engineers (T2E) Coordinator to discuss the data related to the T2E students and their attrition & retention and ways to improve retention of T2E students.

Dr. Supernak – CCEE students will be participating in the Pacific Southwest Conference 3/26 & 3/27

Having gone through all of the items on the agenda. Dr. Supernak moved and Dr. Mi seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm.

Minutes submitted by Marcie Morihiro, March 23, 2021.