

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY MEETING
Minutes of Tuesday, April 26, 2022
11:00am-12:00pm
BioScience Center, Gold Auditorium

Faculty Members Present: Dr. E. Olevsky, Dr. J. Abraham, Dr. R. Akhavian, Dr. B. Aksanli, Dr. T. Alves, Dr. A. Ashrafi, Dr. A. Bani Younes, Dr. A. Beyene, Dr. J. Camacho, Dr. M. Capriotti, Dr. J. Chen, Dr. C. Dykstra, Dr. A. Engin, Dr. G. Faraone, Asst. Dean T. Garcia, Assoc. Dean T. Garoma, Dr. S. Ghanipoor-Machiani, Dr. K. Huang, Dr. G. Jacobs, Dr. A. Jahangiri, Dr. J. Kang, Dr. S. Kassegne, Dr. P. Katira, Dr. J. Katz, Dr. X. Liu, Dr. P. Lu, Dr. S. Manshadi, Dr. K. May-Newman, Dr. C. Mi, Dr. M. Miletic, Dr. F. Miller, Dr. N. Mladenov, Dr. D. Nguyen, Assoc. Dean Y. Ozturk, Dr. S. Park, Dr. I. Sepulveda, Dr. J. Supernak, Dr. Y. Teh, Dr. H. Toreyin, Dr. E. Torresani, Dr. J. Valdes, Dr. S. Venkataraman, Dr. M. Verbyla, Dr. Q. Wang, Dr. J. Xie, Dr. W. Xu, Dr. Y. Yang.

Lecturers Present: Dr. B. Dorr, H. Nourollahi.

Members Absent: Dr. B. Alimohammad, Dr. Z. Bayasi, Dr. R. Betancourt, Dr. A. Bhalla, Dr. S. Bhattacharjee, Dr. L. Demasi, Dr. R. Dowell, Dr. A. Kinoshita, Dr. S. Kumar, Dr. T. Mitropoulos, Dr. K. Moon, Dr. K. Morsi, Dr. S. Nagaraj, Dr. P. Naseradinmousavi, Dr. C. Paolini, Dr. A. Plotkin, Dr. M. Ponce, Dr. P. Popov, Dr. R. Sabzahgar, Dr. M. Sarkar, Dr. S. Seshagiri, Dr. S. Sharma, Dr. L. Tummala, Dr. K. Wood.

Members Excused: Dr. Z. Nili Ahmadabadi, L. Escalona Galvis, Dr. A. Lehman, Dr. S. Shaffar, Dr. H. Tavakol-Davani, Dr. G. Youssef.

Staff Members Present: K. Carinder, S. Mejia, M. Sevilla, J. Smitherman.

Dean Eugene Olevsky called the meeting to order at 11:07 am.

1. Announcements and Engineering Update

Kate Carinder, Sr. Director of Development for Engineering, provided the following development updates:

- College goal for 2021-2022 development, currently at \$4.93M
- Priorities, including faculty support, scholarship, DEI, and stewarding
- Faculty/staff role updates
- Welcomed new staff: Chris Larkin, and Samantha Mejia

2. State of the College

Dean Olevsky covered the following topics:

(A) Updates on the SDSU Snapdragon Stadium in the Mission Valley

(B) Welcomed CoE new staff: Chris Larkin, Sarah Hershberger, Zuzanna Lever

(C) Updates on the Constitution and Bylaws: This work started about 5 years ago, now the documents (Constitution and Bylaws) are almost in their finalizing stages

(D) 21/22 CoE budget updates:

- Instructional budget, overall balance at the moment: about -\$188k
- Non-instructional Budget (staff salaries), overall balance at the moment: \$442
- Operational budget, overall balance at the moment: about -\$58k
- CoE 21/22 renovations: a total of ~\$800k
- DRI funding with College matching: a total of ~\$829k

(E) Research & Graduate Program Update by Associate Dean Dr. Temesgen Garoma:

- As of today, the updates on the proposal submission, # of proposals, # of awards, \$ of awards, by departments, and the entire college
- Proposal submission and awards update: # of proposals and awards by rank, \$ of awards by rank – FY2022
- JDP updates: 26 JDP applicants were recommended for admission at SDSU. With UCSD, 15 of the 26 recommended by the COE steering committee, and reasons for the rest who were not evaluated
- MS updates: new CA resident master's seeking, and new non-resident & international master's seeking
- 2023 US News Graduate school ranking update, 131 for the SDSU Engineering

(F) Undergraduate Program Update by Associate Dean Dr. Yusuf Ozturk:

- Updates on enrollment trends in college: a slow and gradual decline of # of students
- Graduation trend has been increasing over the past few years, which is one of the reasons why the # of students has been declining
- Update on the Fall 2021 enrollment and 21/22 expected graduations, planned Fall 22 admission: # of engineering students by major, and by student level
- Fall 22 admission update
- Summer session – courses update: grand total of 70 this summer
- Achievement gaps update: GPA gap between URM and non-URM students has been decreasing in the past few years
- DFW gap updates: similar like GPA gap

(G) Student Success and Engagement Update by Assistant Dean Theresa Garcia:

- New procedures and program update: Post Pay registration model by PeopleSoft conversion; Equitable access program, freshman experience
- Other updates on the advising spaces and major advisor assignments
- Update on the advising activities of Fall 2021

(H) DEI Council Update:

- Department DEI plans are being reviewed by the university senate
- 5 agenda items to be undertaken in 22/23 are being deliberated upon: increase URM student in grad program, building inclusive and inclusion environment

(I) Community & Communication Update:

- Melina Sevilla updated the social media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram,) activities of CoE till April 2022, including News/Social content, website redevelopment, newsletters, etc.
- Dean Olevisky updated on the activities of the Femineer & Women in Engineering program, MESA program, Troops to Engineers program

(J) CoE Important Dates:

Spring 2022

- **May 4, 2022 (Wed)** – 1:30pm-4:00pm – **CoE Senior Design Day**– Montezuma Hall
- **May 14, 2022 (Sat)** – 5:00pm-7:00pm – **CoE Commencement** – Viejas Arena

Summer 2022

- **May 24, (Tue)** – **Summer Session 01** - classes begin
- **July 5 (Tue)** – **Summer Session 02** – classes begin

Fall 2022

- **August 18 (Thu)** – 1:00pm-4:30pm – **CoE Retreat** – Templo Mayor, Conrad Prebys Student Union
- **August 19 (Fri)** – 6:30pm-8:30pm – **CoE Gathering** – Tom Ham's Lighthouse
- **August 22 (Mon) – Fall 2022** – classes begin

The 2/15/2022 CoE faculty meeting minutes were approved at 12:16 pm.

Dr. Chris Mi motioned to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Asfaw Beyene seconded the motion, and Dean Olevsky adjourned the meeting at 12:17 pm.

Minutes draft submitted by Dr. Wenwu Xu, 4/27/2022.