

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY MEETING**  
**Minutes of Tuesday, February 14, 2023**  
**11:00am-12:30pm**  
**BioScience Center, Gold Auditorium**

**Faculty Members Present:** Dean E. Olevsky, Dr. J. Abraham, Dr. S. Adibi, Dr. B. Aksanli, Dr. A. Alimohammad, Dr. T. Alves, Dr. A. Bani Younes, Dr. A. Beyene, Dr. S. Bhattacharjee, Dr. M. Capriotti, Dr. J. Chen, Dr. H. Davani, Dr. L. Demasi, Dr. C. Dykstra, Dr. A. Engin, Assoc. Dean T. Garoma, Dr. M. Heydari Gharahcheshmeh, Dr. T. Huang, Dr. J. Kang, Dr. J. Katz, Dr. P. Lu, Dr. S. Manshadi, Dr. K. May-Newman, Dr. M. Miletic, Dr. F. Miller, Dr. N. Mladenov, Dr. K. Moon, Dr. D. Nguyen, H. Nourollahi, Dr. C. Paolini, Dr. S. Park, Dr. S. Seshagiri, Dr. S. Sharma, Dr. H. Toreyin, Dr. E. Torresani, Dr. J. Valdes, Dr. M. Verbyla, Dr. J. Xie, Dr. W. Xu, Dr. Y. Yang, Dr. D. Zhao.

**Members Absent:** Dr. Z. Nili Ahmadabadi, Dr. A. Ashrafi, Dr. Z. Bayasi, Dr. A. Bhalla, Dr. J. Camacho, Dr. R. Dowell, Dr. S. Ghanipoor-Machiani, Dr. K. Huang, Dr. G. Jacobs, Dr. A. Jahangiri, Dr. S. Kassegne, Dr. P. Katira, Dr. S. Kumar, Dr. H. Li, Dr. C. Mi, Dr. T. Mitropoulos, Dr. K. Morsi, Dr. S. Nagaraj, Dr. P. Naseradinmousavi, Dr. M. Ponce, Dr. P. Popov, Dr. R. Sabzahgar, Dr. M. Sarkar, Dr. I. Sepulveda, Dr. J. Supernak, Dr. Y. Teh, Dr. Q. Wang,

**Members Excused:** Dr. R. Akhavian, Dr. G. Faraone, Asst. Dean T. Garcia, Dr. A. Kinoshita, Dr. X. Liu, Assoc. Dean Y. Ozturk, Dr. S. Venkataraman, Dr. G. Youssef.

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

**Dean Olevsky called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.**

**1. Announcements and URAD Engineering Update**

Dean Olevsky welcomed new staff Louisa Burrus (MD department admin support assistant)

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

- Updates on the recent gifts
- Updates on priorities of fund usages
- Development Team: Kate Carinder and Samantha Mejia

**2. State of the College**

Dean Olevsky, Associate Deans Garoma and Ozturk, Assistant Dean Garcia, Communications Lead Sevilla covered the following topics:

**(A) CoE Update by Dean Olevsky:**

- Dean Olevsky updated on the current # of T/TT faculty, and the graduation rate of CoE students. The 4-year graduation rate has been increasing in the past six years.
- Research awards have been increasing in the past ten years and reached a record high amount of \$ this year, including 10 NSF Career and ERI grants.
- Updates on the draft of the CoE Strategic Plan for the next 5 years, 2023-2028.

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

- Updates on the # of proposal submissions from T/TT faculty, and the # of awards, the research \$ awards by departments, and the # of active grants by departments and rankings.
- Update on JDP program: Fall 2023 application issues, update on # of applications this year, update on the application reviews, updates on the revision of the guidelines for awarding tuition waivers.
- Update on grad students fellowship and scholarships.

(C) Undergraduate Program Update:

- Dean Olevsky updated the enrollment at the moment, an increase in 2022 by about 20% as compared to last year.
- Updates on the transfer admission: about 30% decrease this year as compared to last year.
- Updates on the degrees conferred in the past five years: by colleges, by departments, and per faculty.
- Updates on the summer session - the incentive modeling, and summer budget explanation, and the summer course decisions.

(D) Student Success and Engagement Update:

- Dean Olevsky updates on the CoE Outreach 2023 Spring activities and the CoE Outreach Survey will launch in Feb.
- Updates on the engineering student affairs including a variety of programs, such as Free Engineering Tutoring, Women in Engineering, and several other activities.

(E) DEI Council Update:

- Dean Olevsky updated the budget modification (\$20k), and will be distributed to each department, and support other URM students and several other activities.
- College Bronze DEI re-certification by ASEE has been confirmed.

(F) Community & Communication Update:

- Melinda Sevilla updated the social media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube) activities of CoE, including News/Social content, website redevelopment, newsletters, etc.
- Melinda also updated the website transferring to Omni CMS, all may be completed by the end of this semester.
- Dean Olevsky updated on the activities of the MESA program, Troops to Engineers program, and other programs

The 12/06/2022 CoE Faculty Retreat Meeting Minutes were approved at 12:10 pm. Dr. Satish Sharma motion 1<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Subrata Bhattacharjee motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**3. CoE Constitution & Bylaws, Appendix A**

**Julio Valdes – Parliamentarian provided the following updates:**

- No discussion was raised.

Dr. Asfaw Beyene motion 1<sup>st</sup>, and Dr. Satchi Venkataraman motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dean Olevsky adjourned the meeting at 12:11 pm.

Minutes draft submitted by Dr. Wenwu Xu, 2/28/2023.