

MINUTES  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION  
(CEFO)

Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 11:30 AM

Duke 345

**The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:**

Galloway Stephanie, Biela Christine, Shanda Wirt, Donna Furr, Stay Leotta, Wendy Meier, Saya Robinson, Joanne Zhang, Jim Hartman, Jimmie Miller, Bill Andern, Greg Carr, Kevin Colwell, Jason Edgecombe, Dave Whisler, John Daniels, Nicole Braxtan, Mariya Munir, Bill Saunders, Mei Sun, Asis Nasipuri, Valentina Cecchi, James Conrad, Mohamed-Ali Hasan, Andrew Willis, Katie Watson, Tony Brizendine, Navid Goudarzi, Jeffery Kimble, Jacelyn Rice, Omidreza Shoghli, Sheng-Guo Wang, Stephanie Pilkmgten, Tina Chen, Michael Smith, John Nettles, Franklin Green, Gary M, Hodgins, Edward Morse, Xu Jun, Jeff Raquet, Alireza Tabarraei, Peter Tkacik, Yang Inhong, Mesbah Uddin, Regina Vrikkis, Terry Xu, Haitao Zhang, Chen Youxing, Simon Hsiang, Guanglin Xu, Linqun bai, harish Cherukuri

(60 attendees)

**Agenda:**

- 1. Welcome (CEFO President Dr. Carlos Orozco)**
- 2. Approval of April Minutes.**

The April 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved without objections.

- 3. College Update/Announcements (Dean Johnson)**

The dean talked about the funding situation of the College. Sponsored Awards received in Fiscal Year 2018 totaled 13,204,637, and in Fiscal Year 2019 they totaled 16,477,311. Research expenditures Year to Date in 2018 totaled 10,618,290.07, and Year to Date in 2019 they totaled 12,163,361.48. The dean thanked the faculty for their contribution to make this possible. The dean also talked about his stepping down as Dean of the College at the end of the current academic year, and thanked the faculty for their support.

- 4. Introduction of New Faculty and Staff - Department Chairs**

The department chairs introduced new faculty and staff in their respective units.

- 5. A.L.I.C.E. training and Security Enhancements - John Bogdan, Associate Vice Chancellor of Safety & Security**

Mr. Bogdan did some demonstrations about how to lock doors from the inside during emergencies, mentioned some statistics on the number of classrooms in the University that can be and cannot be locked, and presented a summary of the current state of affairs regarding safety and security on campus. An assessment of all non-locking classroom and laboratory doors on campus is currently under way. It is expected to be completed by the end of the current semester. Each non-locking space will be equipped with a kit to secure the door in the event of a lockdown. Doors that open inwardly will have a wedge that will slide underneath the door to prevent it from opening. Doors that open outwardly will have a piece of cut fire hose that will slip over the door closer to secure it.

## **6. Giving Green - Dr. Ron Smelser Senior Associate Dean, Champion**

Dr. Ron Smelser could not attend the meeting but Courtney Stephens made some announcement in his name and talked about “giving green”. She reminded the faculty and staff to give to Giving Green. This could be done online, in one payment or payroll deduction.

## **7. Alumni Updates - Christine Biela, Alumni Director**

Ms. Christine Biela, Director of Alumni Affairs and External Constituents in the College made the following announcements:

### 1. Upcoming Events:

- Bob's Bash (Saturday, September 28) - Faculty and their families are welcome to attend Bob's [last] football tailgate! Food and drinks (including alcohol) are free, and many student orgs (such as Rocketry) will present current projects. The band, cheerleaders, dance team, and Norm are scheduled to visit as well.
- Alumni Happy Hour and Military Donation Drive (Thursday, November 7) - Alumni love catching up with faculty, so please add this event to your calendar now so you can attend. This fall event will take place at Queen Park Social, which features bowling, ping pong, and games. Food will be provided at no cost, and this year we will also collect items to be donated to a charity for active military men and women.

### 2. Alumni in the Classroom:

- Please let Christine know if you have scheduled any alumni to present to your classes. She will stop by to give the alumna/us a gift as a token of appreciation from the College, and may take a couple pictures to publicize for a new alumni communications initiative (if approved by the alum in advance).
- If you would like Christine to help find an alumna/us to present in your class, please let her know as well and she will get the word out. The College cannot cover costs for travel or lodging, but most of our alumni live within the greater Charlotte region so this should not be a problem. Sometimes, an alum's employer may even cover the cost themselves (an example from last year was Paula Canter, who traveled from Minnesota).
- If you keep in contact with any alumni (especially when they ask for letters of recommendation), please send their updated contact information to Christine so she can update our database. Many alumni are not receiving our emails because they have not updated their contact information with the University, which means they aren't aware of our events and news.

## **8. Closing - Dr. Carlos Orozco**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.