



CEFO Minutes

James Conrad, President

James Bowen, President Elect

Ertunga Ozelkan, Secretary

Stuart Smith, Parliamentarian

MINUTES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

Thursday, April 2, 2009, 12:30 PM

CARC, Room 101

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

- COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING: R. Johnson, R. Smelser, M. Hermann
- OFFICE of STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & SUCCESS: C. Blat, K. Franco
- ENGINEERING COMPUTING SERVICES:
- CIVIL ENGINEERING: J. Bowen, D. Boyajian, J. Gergely, D. Naylor, P. Pulugurtha, W. Sanders, K. Warren
- ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING: R. Adams, D. Binkley, N. Bousaba, J. Conrad, K. Daneshvar, F. D. Essenwein, M. Hasan, Y. Kakad, M. Miri, A. Nasipuri, F. Tranjan, R. Tsu, J. Xie, Y. Zhang
- SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT: C. Lim, E. Ozelkan, Y. Sireli, S. G. Teng,
- ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: A. Brizendine, N. Byars, R. Coowar, B. Gehrig, J. Gresser, P. Kabengela, N. Noras, C. Orozco, R. Priebe, P. Schmidt, D. Sharer, B. Sherlock, R. Swan, J. Urbas, S. Wang, A. Zhou
- MECHANICAL ENGR & ENGR SCIENCE: R. Cogger, H. Fang, C. Y. Lee, J. Miller, E. Morse, B. Mullany, Stuart Smith, P. Tkacik, M. Uddin, T. Xu, H. Zhang, N. Zheng
- GUESTS:

Documented attendance: 58 total

Documented attendance of voting faculty: 46

Total Voting Faculty: 101

Quorum of voting faculty: 51

1. Welcome and Call to order (CEFO president, Jim Conrad)

The meeting was called to order around 12:33pm.

2. Approval of Minutes (Ertunga Ozelkan)

The minutes for the previous meeting (regular CEFO meeting on Feb 5, 2009) was approved on a voice vote.

3. Quick Announcements:

- **Jim Bowen – Nominations for CEFO and committees 2009-2010:** Dr. Bowen presented the current nominations to the faculty. The nominations were approved by the faculty. Ertunga will put the ballots in Surveyshare.com and will notify the faculty. It was mentioned that Drs. K. Warren and A. Soliman have been nominated to the university committees. They asked for COE faculty support.
- **Ron Smelser – Access to research publications and a university repository for publications:** Dean Smelser mentioned about NIH pubnet central and considerations for “open access” for publications. There were questions about how and who would pay the open-access author fees. Dean Smelser has indicated that these and other related issues will be further discussed next year.
- **K. Warren – SWE event-** reminded about the Mr. Engineer competition on May 1st and requested support and participation.
- **Tsu – Introduction of new UNC Charlotte Bissell Chair,** Dr. Tsu introduced Dr. Zhang Yun. Dr. Yun’s research includes investigation of optical property of solids. He has 14 years of experience with NREL (National Renewable Energy lab) .

4. Research presentations (5 minutes each)

- **ET-Aixi Zhou:** Dr. Zhou talked about his research areas related to fire safety, composite materials and structures and engineering mechanics.
- **MEES – Terry Xu:** Dr. Xu discussed her research related to nanotechnology specifically processing & structure and property measurement aspects. One of her interests is investigation of Boron-rich nanostructures for power generation.

5. College update (Dean Johnson)

- 2009-10 COE Budget Cuts: about \$556,588. Dean indicated that he is trying to protect graduate programs, undergraduate work-study funding, Mosaic helpers, lab support and office support. Need to fill the ECE chair position. Cuts will be accomplished by the following actions: internal ME chair hiring (\$100K), vacant ET position (\$72,780), vacant ECE position (\$72,758, CEE operating (\$34K), COE operating (\$100K), undergrad lab equipment (\$40K), REU (\$40K), vacant freshman instructor/advisor (\$48K), COE work study (\$50K). Already gave a presentation to provost. There were quite a few questions by the faculty. Some are listed as follows: Dr. Farid Tranjan asked whether the cuts were permanent. The answer was “Yes”. Also can cuts be 10% instead of 7%? The answer was “hope not”. Dr. Jim Bowen asked whether the dollars are determined by the provost. The answer was “Yes”. Dr. David Binkley mentioned that historically enrolment budget is not cut but Dean mentioned that this was not clear for next year.
- Undergrad Technical Electives: minimum attendance 10 students
- Activity reports: no activity report by deadline will mean no pay raise. There is 2% pay raise planned in the budget.

6. Minor change to College “Policies and Procedures for Appointment, Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure” (Jim Conrad)

This was an issue that was raised during the Feb 5th meeting. The change was related to section E.3.3 Service part of the “Policies and Procedures for Appointment, Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure” document. Jim proposed that in section E.3.3 two words that say “may” to be changed to “will” so that

service work is included in the evaluation. Dr. D. Sharer made exact changes and will be approving these changes. This process was moved by Dr. Tony Brazendine and seconded by Dr. Yogi Kakad and was accepted on a voice vote.

7. Faculty Comment – COE Curriculum Approval Process (Ron Smelser)

Based on minutes archived from old committees, Dean Smelser put together a process. The new process was handed-out. For feedback please contact Dean Smelser.

8. Adjourn (Jim Conrad): The meeting was then adjourned by Jim Conrad at (approx.) 1:42 PM.

Please submit additions or corrections to Ertunga C. Ozelkan, CEFO Secretary at ecozelka AT uncc DOT edu.