

MINUTES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

Thursday, September 8, 2011, 12:30 PM

CARC, Room 101

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

- COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING: M. Castle, J. Enslin, D. Furr, M. Hermann, W. Heybruck, R. Johnson, W. Meier, D. Rowe, T. Rufty, R. Smelser, J. Stein
- CIVIL ENGINEERING: J. Amburgey, K. Baarson, J. Bowen, J. Daniels, J. Gergely, J. Graham, M. Kane, V. Ogunro, M. Pando, W. Saunders, B. Tempest, J. Wu
- ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING: D. Binkley, N. Bousaba, V. Cecchi, J. Conrad, I. Ferguson, J. Hudak, Y. Kakad, K. Koher, S. Kamalasadán, V. Lukic, B. Martin, M. Miri, E. Stokes, T. Weldon, Y. Zhang, S. Zia Salami
- ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT: C Lim, E. Ozelkan, S.G. Teng.
- ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: A. Brizendine, N. Byars, D. Chen, C-S. Cho, M DeCusati, J. Eklund, B. Gehrig, M. Herman, J. Hildreth, D. Hoch, T. Jarrell, P. Juneja, J. Kimble, O. Kyper, S. McMillan, D. Murphy, T. Nicholas, R. Priebe, P. Schmidt, D. Sharer, B. Sherlock, A. Sleiti, R. Swan, P. Tolley, J. Urbas, S. Wang, W. Williams, M. Wilson, A. Zhou
- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING SCIENCE: J. Brien, M. Cantor, A. El-Ghannam, C. Evans, H. Fang, T. Koch, K. Lawton, C.Y. Lee, L. Nance, Scott Smith, A. Soliman, P. Tkacik, W. Turner, M. Uddin, K. Weaver, Q. Wei, H. Zhang, N. Zheng.
- OSDS: D. Blackmon, K. Franco, D. Latta, L. Parker, L. Thurman
- GUESTS: Jennifer Wishart (University Career Center), Ben Mohler (Philanthropy and Development), Regina Guyer (IDEAS)

Documented attendance: 97 total, 59 voting faculty.

Quorum of voting faculty: 54.

1. Welcome

CEFO president Martin Kane called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He introduced the members of the CEFO Executive Committee for the academic year ahead:

- President: Martin Kane
- President-Elect: Jeff Kimble
- Secretary: Barry Sherlock
- Parliamentarian: Ahmed Soliman

2. Approval of Minutes (Barry Sherlock)

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2011 CEFO meeting was seconded and passed. Past minutes are kept on the CEFO website at <http://www.coe.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/coe-faculty-organization.html>

3. Introduction of New Faculty and Staff (Department Chairs)

The following new faculty and staff members were introduced and welcomed:

Electrical and Computer Engineering:

Zia Salami (Associate Professor)
Kelly Koher (staff)
Aravind Kailas (Assistant Professor)
Abasifreke Ebong (Professor)
Alec Martin (Faculty Associate)

Engineering Technology:

Parminder Juneja (Assistant Professor)
Wes Williams (Assistant Professor)
Tom Nicholas (has transitioned to tenure track)
Melissa Herman (staff)
Oksana Kyper (staff)

Civil Engineering:

Youngjin Park (EPIC Lab Engineer)

College of Engineering:

Johan Enslin (Director of EPIC)

OSDS:

Meg Harkins (Lecturer and Freshman Advisor)
Dan Latta (Lecturer and Freshman Advisor)

Mosaic:

Crystal Barton (PC Systems Programmer)
Eugene Labko (Operations and Systems Analyst)

Senior Design:

Cindy Gregory (Admin support)

Mechanical Engineering:

Tony Schmitz (Associate Professor)
Kile Stinson (Motorsports Lab Manager)

4. Leadership Academy (Don Blackmon)

It is now year 10 of the Leadership Academy. Faculty are encouraged to speak to students about applying for membership of Leadership Academy. Applications are due by Sept 25.

5. COE Picnic (Linda Thurman)

The 11th annual COE Picnic will be held 11am – 2pm on Fri Sep 30, at the West Quad Field (this is the space between the Cone Deck and the SAC).

6. OSDS Progression Requirements (Patty Tolley)

Dr. Tolley gave a presentation outlining the new admission and progression requirements for COE students. The presentation is posted on the CEFO web page at <http://www.coe.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/coe-faculty-organization.html>

7. Introduce Jennifer Wishart, Career Center

CEFO President Kane introduced Jennifer Wishart of the Career Center. Jennifer is the new Engineering Career Advisor. She can help students with a variety of matters including career development questions, determining whether they should change major, resume critiques, interviewing tips. She is also available to visit classes to talk to students. In addition to her availability in the Career Center, she has drop-in hours in Smith Building on Wednesday 2-4pm. She announced that a Career Fair will be held in the SAC Sep 16, 9:30-3:30. Jennifer's credentials include a Masters in Library Science and a Career Development Facilitator Certificate.

8. Senior Design Update (Bill Heybruck)

This semester, we have 55 Senior Design projects, 32 of which are fully sponsored. (For Spring 2011, the figures were 15 projects, 7 fully sponsored). We have over 300 students in the program. Highlights for this fall include 4 projects from Shaw Group, and 2 projects from UNC-Charlotte Campus Green Initiative. Heybruck's presentation included a table of projects and their sponsors. Sponsors provide \$5000, of which \$2500 goes directly to the project, with the remainder going to support the program.

9. College of Engineering update (Dean Robert Johnson)

Budget:

- The University had made detailed plans for coping with a 13.5% budget cut. However, in late June the State took every vacant position that we had. This represented an additional cut of over \$400,000. Therefore, the total cut for this campus was actually 16.2%, not 13.5%.
- EPIC was completely spared, with all funding and programs intact.
- The college has been saving endowment income throughout Dean Johnson's tenure. He said he will look at starting to spend from that account in careful selected ways, such as support for raising external money, support for the Systems Engineering program, and startup funding.
- We have hired 38 fewer TAs this fall than Fall 2010.

Other:

- Motorsports building number 2 opens Oct 30 on schedule.
- The EPIC Building is on schedule for us to take possession on February 10.
- Half of our students don't make it to the sophomore year.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.