

MINUTES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 12:30 PM

Lunch started at 12:00.

EPIC Building, Room G287

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

- COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING: R. Johnson, R. Smelser, B. Ardern
- OSDS: P. Tolley, G. Gill, T. Jordan, K. Lindsay, D. Latta, D. Blackmon
- CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING: S. Pulugurtha, J. Gergey, M. Kane, J. Daniels, D. Weggel, K. Baarsen, N. Braxtan, E. Weber, K. Warren, O. Keen, W. Fan,
- ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING: M. Hasan, A. Zhou, Y. Baez, B. Rodriguez, C. Smith, A. Nasipuri
- ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT: D. Sharer, T. Brizendine, G. Mayo, N. Tymvios, R. Priebe, S. Wang

1. Welcome (Ron Smelser)

Dr. Ron Smelser opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with an apology from the executive committee for not being present. He called for a motion (Sass/Nasipuri) to suspend the normal operational rules to allow an administrator to conduct the meeting. The motion was APPROVED. Approval of minutes from the last meeting was postponed since the minutes were not posted to the CEFO website. Dr. Mohamad-Ali Hasan was appointed to be acting secretary for the meeting without objection.

2. Center for Teaching and Learning (Heather McCullough)

Dr. Heather McCullough, Associate Director of Instructional Programs at the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), was introduced to give two presentations. Her presentations were on:

A. Prospect for Success Guide:

Dr. McCullough first defined and talked about top 40 Freshman courses and the Success Academy. Two of the top 40 courses are ENGR 1201 and 1202. “The idea for a Top 40 Freshman Success Academy is for experienced faculty to share what they know about factors influencing student success, to influence the academic expectations and behaviors of incoming freshmen.” More details can be found at: <http://teaching.uncc.edu/learning-resources/top-40-freshman-success-academy>.

You can request her presentation by contacting her directly: hamccull@uncc.edu.

Also see: <http://teaching.uncc.edu/learning-resources/articles-books/best-practice> , and: <http://teaching.uncc.edu/learning-resources/articles-books/best-practice/large-classes/large-class-handbook> as examples of best practices in the Top 40 classes.

Dr. McCullough encouraged COE faculty to read and follow the instructions in an online booklet “Students' Pathway to Success: A Faculty Guide.” See the link: <http://journals.uncc.edu/facultyguide>.

B. Moodle Replacement:

Dr. McCullough introduced Jeff Meier (CTL) and Beth Rugg (ITS) who have been instrumental in the implementation of the new Learning Management System.

Moodle will be replaced by Canvas. For information on Canvas, see: <http://teaching.uncc.edu/canvas>.

Two important issues to remember:

1. Do not panic, Moodle will continue to operate for an additional year.
2. One year’s worth of class contents will be moved to Canvas. You will have to work on the contents and optimize it for your class.

For faculty and student assistance canvas has 24/7 customer support. Also, webinars and workshops will be offered through the Center for Teaching & Learning. See <http://teaching.uncc.edu/academic-technologies/lms-evaluation/canvas-pilot-information> and <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2035> for more information.

Sandbox courses for Canvas will be available in the next few days. Training can also be conducted in the college if that is desired. Dr. McCullough was thanked for her presentation.

3. COE Elections (Ron Smelser):

Many positions are still open to be filled. Dr. Smelser will send an email about the vacancies to the department chairs. Grab one before they are all gone!

4. Closing (Ron Smelser)

Dr. Smelser called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded in less than a second (Hasan/Sass). The members in attendance were thanked for their attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.