

MINUTES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 12:30 PM

Lunch available at 12:00 PM

EPIC Building, Room G256

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

S. Kamalasan, V. Cecchi, A. Ravindran, S. Smith, L. Hargrove, M. Cantrell, P. Tolley, J. Miller, R. Smelser, M. Hermann, S. Hsiang, G. Zenarosa, J. Gergely, T. Koch, J. Tarbuton, T. Jordan, N. Bousaba, Y. Baez, D. Young, S. Bari, C. Lim, H. Cho, A. Verner, W. Fan, J. Hill, K. Hill, S. Pulugurtha, R. Sass, Y. Amengonu, H. Tabhki, A. Nasipuri, D. Craig, N. Vargas, J. Daniels, M. Sun, N. Braxtan, J. Holleman, J. Edgecombe, M. Uddin, K. Lawton, J. Smithwick, G. Mayo, D. Chen, T. Nicholas, U. Cali, T. Brizendine, J. Hildreth, N. Goudarzi, N. Barclay, C. Smith-Orr, K. Warren, O. Keen, J. Kimble. (Total 53)

1. Welcome

CEFO president Sukumar Kamalasan called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Past Minutes (Sukumar Kamalasan)

February and April meeting minutes were circulated. A motion to approve the minutes from the last two meetings was made and approved by all. Past minutes are kept on the CEFO website at

<http://www.coe.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/coe-faculty-organization.html>

3. Safety in the Workplace (Officer Copley)

Officer Copley provided some reminders about general campus safety, especially given the new light rail coming in, which is expected to bring more people (not necessarily students) to campus. The #1 crime on campus is theft from cars in parking decks. Officer Copley reminded to secure all items in cars (including change, laptops etc.) and to always be vigilant. She also asked to share these safety recommendations with students. Another important reminder was about the LiveSafe app (<http://emergency.uncc.edu/livesafe>), which gives the ability to call or text the University Police Department (24 hours a day, 7 days a week), to anonymously report tips, to track location of campus shuttles, to easily navigate campus (with GPS assistance). The mobile app also provides contacts for vital campus emergency and non-emergency services, a copy of the emergency manual, and list of emergency tips and best practices. **In case of emergency, call extension 2200.** If you call 911 from campus phone, it would be redirected to the campus police. Several questions from the audience followed, and they included:

What goes on with building if we have an active shooter? Doors lock – can leave but not come in

Plans for satellite office in CRI campus? Not as of yet

Will security cameras be installed at light rail stop? Not sure

Will alert come if phone is muted? Yes it would vibrate if you have it on vibrate

If emergency siren goes off, what should we do? Follow directions from siren, emergency manuals posted around campus and online, also having the app would help

4. Welcome for New Faculty, Introductions & Update (Dean Johnson)

Dean Johnson attended the Levine Scholar (<http://levinescholars.uncc.edu/>) tour in July. He shared his experience and some photos of trip. The Levine Scholars are a great group of students (5 interested in engineering). The program is always looking for volunteers.

- ABET: the ABET team will be visiting on October 16-18.
- Budget: College still does not have a budget. Dean Johnson will share once he knows more.
- Academic Affairs is performing a study on space for STEM-related activities, given the new science building plans. We are asked to cooperate with them on this study, providing information as requested to make sure we are making best use of our space.
- EPIC news: Johan Enslin is leaving as director of EPIC, he's going to Clemson in Charleston, where he will be leading their new program. Sept. 28 there will be a farewell party 3-4:30pm.
- Career Picnic: It was a huge success, 100 companies were present, students, and alumni.
- Capital Campaign: Founders day is coming up. We are encouraged to participate. The College is asked to raise ~\$40M, we're at present 40% with that. Multiple lectures are also part of the activities.
- Enrollment: freshmen enrollment up 9%, 547 freshmen, 248 transfer (transfer student numbers are down ~10%)
- Pursuing a PhD in civil engineering, led by John Daniels, consultant report in progress
- Study Abroad at Tohoko university (a top engineering university in Japan) in Sendai, Japan. We would like to send ~25 students, for a semester or a year. Each student would get \$500 a month stipend. We are encouraged to spread the word among students and to refer interested students to the Dean's Office.
- New Hires in COE: Shanda Wirt – works in Grants and Contracts Office, she joined us from Notre Dame; Nick Findlater – works in Dean's Office.
- Each department then introduced and welcomes their new hires:
 - CEE: Linda Hargrove, and 3 new faculty (Nicole Braxtan, structural eng., Mei Sun, environmental eng., Mariya Nuris, environmental eng.)
 - ECE: 4 new faculty (Yawo Amengonu, Jeremy Holleman, Hamed Tabkhi, computer eng., and Tiefu Zhao)
 - ETCM: 6 new hires (Nicole Barclay, civil eng. tech. and construction management, Umit Cali, electrical eng. tech., Weimin Wang, mechanical eng. tech., Jake Smithwick, civil eng. tech. and construction management, Navid Goudarzi, mechanical eng. tech.,)
 - MEES: new hires (Terence Fagan, Mac McAlpine, Josh Tarbutton, Saiful Bari, Thomas Koch, Timothy No)
 - SEEM: 2 new faculty: (Gabriel Zenarosa and Tony He)
 - Office of Student Development and Success: 2 new hires (Sherman Mumford)
 - Mosaic: 2 new members joined in January

5. Working with Veterans in the Classroom (David Vacchi, Associate Director Veteran Services)

Mr. Vacchi's slides will be posted. We are encouraged to refer veterans to his office (VS) and to reach out for advice or anything related to veteran students. Additional suggestion: if we have a student right out of their service into school, it may be beneficial to encourage them to take UCON 1011 (Veteran Transition Course), which is also a writing intensive course.

6. Career Center (Dr. Patrick Madsen, Director & Megan Corkery, Assistant Director)

Dr. Madsen introduced himself and discussed how in career services, 20% of their "business" is engineering related. Their center goal is to empower the entire university to do career advising, to prepare and connect students, to assist them in branding themselves. By the end of this year, they will have info on how students are using their office and use that information for planning purposes. It is noted that there are funding for career related activities (e.g. new networking events, luncheon with employers and students, etc.).

7. Practical Security Considerations for a the College of Engineering (Matt Cantrell, Systems Specialist, COE)

Mr. Cantrell's slides will be posted. His contact information is on the slides. We are encouraged to contact him in regards to anything pertaining data /research security, and data handling.

8. Guest Access Portal (Patty Tolley/Ron Smelser)

Prof. Ron Smelser briefly talked about the Guest Access Portal (GAP). Information will be sent out to all via email.

9. Closing and Adjournment (Sukumar Kamalasan)

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM