

MINUTES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

Thursday, April 18, 2013, 12:30 PM

EPIC Building, Room G256

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

- COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING: R. Johnson, L. Beastall, M. Castle, J. Edgecombe, J. Enslin, W. Meier, R. Smelser
- CIVIL ENGINEERING: J. Daniels, M. Kane, K. Warren
- ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING: N. Bousaba, J. Conrad, A. Kailas, Y. Kakad, M. Miri, A. Nasipuri, B. Parkhideh, Z. Salami, R. Sass, F. Tranjan, J. Xie, Y. Zhang
- ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT: C. Lim, E. Ozelkan, Y. Sireli, S.G. Teng
- ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: A. Browne, N. Byars, D. Chen, C-S. Cho, R. Handy, D. Hoch, P. Juneja, J. Kimble, C. Morrissey, T. Nicholas, C. Orozco, R. Priebe, D.Sharer, B. Sherlock, R. Swan, W. Williams
- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING SCIENCE: H. Cherukuri, A. El-Ghannam, H. Fang, G. Goch, K. Lawton, P. Tcacik, T. Xu, N. Zheng
- OSDS: I. Hargrove, M. Harkins, T. Jordan, D. Latta
- GUESTS: T. Koch

Documented attendance: 56 total.

1. Welcome

CEFO president Jeff Kimble called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Past Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2013 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 ISL Director

Terry Jordan, currently a lecturer in OSDS, will be our new Director of the Industrial Solutions Lab. His background includes a degree in Nuclear Engineering, a Masters in Mechanical Engineering, and 30 years experience in power plant construction.

4. Report on COE Bylaws (Tom Nicholas)

The process of developing Bylaws for COE committees is progressing well. The Bylaws for all but three committees are ready for a vote. The other three (CERC, CERDC, and CFAC) are still under review by the bylaws committee. The schedule calls for the final meeting of the bylaws committee on May 13, faculty review in early Fall 2013, and a vote in Fall 2013.

5. Information from SPART (Martin Kane)

Discussions at SPART concerning the goal of creating a culture of excellence attempted to identify actions that faculty could take to help develop a culture of excellence, and analyzed the results of student surveys and comments. Recommended faculty actions include:

- Set and stick to deadlines;
- Correct and return student assignments in a timely manner;
- Maintain testing integrity by keeping a constant eye on students while proctoring tests (not reading or using the computer).

6. COE Elections (Arindam Mukherjee)

CEFO President-elect Ari Mukherjee announced that the COE elections will open Friday April 19 at 10 am, and end on April 25. This election will be run on SurveyShare. To vote, you will have to enter your email address; use the one that is stored in Outlook.

7. COE Update (Dean Johnson)

Bylaws:

Dean Johnson commended Tom Nichols and the Bylaws Committee for their work on the COE Bylaws.

SACS Visit:

Dean Johnson complemented all who were involved with the SACS visit. SACS's exit interview with the Chancellor went exceedingly well.

Budget:

Nothing to report; no recent news. The Dean will be talking to the Provost about the College's budget on May 30.

Engineering Deans Institute:

Dean Johnson attended this meeting of Engineering Deans. He reported that there was a great deal of discussion about Massively Online Open Courseware (MOOCS). These programs teach to tens of thousands of students. We need to stay abreast of changes that are happening in this area.

Construction Management:

We are pursuing ABET accreditation for Construction Management.

Systems Engineering and Engineering Management:

We received approval for a new Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management effective Fall 2013.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.