

# MINUTES

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

Thursday, September 12, 2013, 12:30 PM

EPIC Building, Room G256

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

- COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING: R. Johnson, J. Edgecombe, W. Meier, R. Smelser, J. Stein, D. Rowe, R. Guyer, D. Young, B. Guessford, R. Moose, N. Galweski, B. Mohler
  - CIVIL ENGINEERING: J. Amburgey, J. Bowen, J. Daniels, J Gergely, M. Kane, O. Keen, S. McMillan, V. Ogunro, M. Pando, S. Pulugurtha, B. Tempest, D. Weggel, W. Fan
  - ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING: R. Adams, N. Bousaba, B. Chowdhury, J. Conrad, A. Ebong, I. Ferguson, B. Joshi, M. Manjrekar, A. Mukherjee, B. Parkhideh, Z. Salami, R. Sass, A. Martin, R. Pottathuparambil
  - SYSTEMS ENGINEERING & ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT: C. Lim, E. Ozelkan, S.G. Teng, M. Ogle
  - ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: T. Cavalline, C-S. Cho, B. Gehrig, D. Hoch, J. Kimble, C. Morrissey, T. Nicholas, M. Noras, C. Orozco, P. Schmidt, D.Sharer, B. Sherlock, P. Tolley, S. Wang, W. Williams, N. Tymvios, A. Miatudila
  - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING SCIENCE: G. Elliot, H. Estrada, C. Evans, H. Fang, R. Hocken, G. Hodgins, C.Y. Lee, N. Sarunac, S. Smith, K. Thorsett-Hill, M. Uddin, H. Zhang, N. Zheng, K. Day, T. Koch
  - OSDS: D. Blackmon, M. Harkins, G. Robinson
  - GUESTS: D. Whistler, L. Blackwell, E. Morant, L. Brown, A. Threat,
- Documented attendance: 86 total.

### 1. Welcome

CEFO president Ari Mukherjee called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Past Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 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. Ben Mohler - University Campaign

Ben Mohler presented the University Campaign that started this past summer and consists of charitable funds. The Campaign will fund university priorities/initiatives. Key goals consist of core education, moving existing programs forward, and complete college experience.

#### **4. COE Update (Dean Johnson)**

##### University Capital Campaign:

Dean Johnson discussed two possible themes for the campaign, Healthy Cities and Communities and Honors College.

##### Graduate Tuition Increment:

Dean Johnson discussed the two year transition plan for implementing the Graduate Tuition Increment. Past year majority of the money was given back to the students in the form of tuition assistance. In the future, the money will be used for large impact programs such as equipment purchases and student support. After the two year transition, twenty-five percent of the money will be distributed back to the students.

##### Enrollment:

Dean Johnson commented that the enrollment numbers remain flat at approximately 3,000 students. The College graduated 454 Bachelor of Science degrees, 97 Master of Engineering degrees and 30 Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

##### Research:

Currently, the College ranks 4<sup>th</sup> on the campus in research expenditures. Dean Johnson requested more proposal submittals consisting of project teams seeking larger awards. Larger research awards provide more travel dollars and graduate student funding.

The College will adopt a uniform course buyout policy equivalent to 1/8 of yearly salary for each course. Faculty must teach at least one course per semester.

##### Tenure-Track Teaching Load:

GA is monitoring UNCC tenure-track faculty teaching load. As it stands now, UNCC ranks last in the state at 2.0 courses per semester and 167 SCH/FTE.

##### MOSAIC:

Mosaic is setting up a satellite office in EPIC.

##### Systems Engineering and Engineering Management:

The new Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management has been approved and is now online. Dr. Ozelkan is serving as the interim chair.

#### **5. Introduction of New Faculty and Staff (Department Chairs)**

The following new faculty and staff were introduced by their respective Department Chairs:

##### *Civil and Environmental Engineering:*

Olya Keen (Assistant Professor)  
Wei “David” Fan (Associate Professor)  
Sara McMillan (Assistant Professor)

##### *Electrical and Computer Engineering:*

Robin Pottathuparambil (Faculty Associate)

##### *Engineering Technology:*

Nicholas Tymvios (CM Assistant Professor)  
Alain Miatudila (CET Faculty Associate)

Aidan Browne (EET Assistant Professor)  
Xuemei Niu (EET Visiting Associate Professor)

*Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science:*

Kent Day (Assistant Professor)  
Haitao Zhang (Assistant Professor)  
Laini Pound (Staff)  
Jennifer Chastain (Staff, CPM)  
Melanie White (Staff)  
Michelle Wallace (Staff, CBES)  
Elaine Towns (Staff)

*Systems Engineering and Engineering Management:*

Tao Hong (Assistant Professor)  
Mike Ogle (Assistant Professor)

*OSDS:*

Bill Lindsey (freshman lecturer and advisor)  
Terry Jordan (Director, Industrial Solutions Laboratory)  
Gina Robinson (Director Recruiting & Advising)

*EPIC:*

Nancy Galewski (Staff)

**6. eVote (David Whistler)**

David Whistler presented the new voting platform for the College, eVote. eVote was developed by Mosaic to provide CEFO with a secure voting system.

**7. Giving Green (Ron Smelser)**

Ron Smelser is the College of Engineering Giving Green Representative. The Giving Green Campaign will begin on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Last year, twenty percent of the faculty and staff in the College participated in the Campaign.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.