
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Faculty Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2007

1. The meeting was called to order by Dean P.B. Butler at 9:45 am in 3505 Seamans Center. In attendance were: Dean P.B. Butler, C.L. Lin, A. Guymon, G. Carmichael, D. Anderson, R. Beichek, E. Bai, J. Robinson, L. Weber, L. Boyle, G. Thomas, H.S. Udaykumar, N. Gebraeel, A. Ratner, D. Wilder, A. Scranton, A. Kusiak, R. Stephens, C. Beckermann, L.D. Chen, S. Collins, S. Rahman, M. Raghavan, J. Wiencek, S. Dasgupta, and K. Kader
2. The motion to approve the February 27, 2007 meeting minutes were approved by voice vote without amendment.
3. A motion was made to approve the list of candidates for degree for the Spring 2007 commencement. Two corrections were made by Dean Scranton: Brant Rustwick (BME) will not be graduating with distinction, and William Liechty (CBE) will not be graduating with honors. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.
4. Faculty Committee Reports:

- a. Curriculum Committee: The committee reported important work conducted during the previous year including the naming of two new course coordinators for thermodynamics and EPS2; adding course credit for the first semester of freshman forum. The committee also reported its assessment of the global awareness lecture series concluding that the eight lectures were too many and that attendance was low due to lack of buy-in from departments.

The committee also initiated a discussion regarding the CARs for the engineering core courses stating that only three out of the five had been completed. R. Stephens asked whether these were important either in the information that was contained or in the ABET accreditation process. C. Beckermann (EFC) stated that he had asked Dean Scranton for a meeting with the core course coordinators to increase the value of the CAR.

- b. Promotion and Tenure Committee: Ambiguities in the reporting requirements in the P&T policy were addressed through questionnaires sent to the faculty which resulted in recommendations to the EFC to amend the policy. These recommendations were presented as a motion (below) to make the necessary amendments.
- c. Teaching Committee: Discussed changes made to the scheduling of the ACE and CGA surveys given to students at the end of the semester that addressed the student participation and objectivity. It was decided that the ACE survey would be run during the 13th and 14th weeks and the CGA during the 14th and 15th weeks of the semester.

- d. Information Technology Committee: Briefly stated that this committee was charged with software and hardware purchase recommendations. This information is posted on the website.
 - e. EFC: Information and report are posted on the website.
 - f. Lectures Committee: Discussed the lectures that were provided to the campus during the academic year. R. Stephens brought up that the lectures might be better attended if we could avoid scheduling conflicts. Dean Butler suggested that this could be better addressed if the lecturer list could be finalized earlier to allow for scheduling and finding the appropriate room.
5. EFC Motion on CLEP Credit Policy: This motion was approved by voice vote.
 6. EFC Motion to Clarify P&T Policy: This motion was approved by voice vote.
 7. Faculty discussion on proposed research faculty track: L. Weber (IIHR) stated that informal polling at IIHR showed overwhelming support among their staff. There is opposition in certain quarters of the university as this is seen as a possible way to eliminate tenure. The EFC would continue to monitor the situation and report new developments to the faculty.
 8. R. Stephens invited the faculty to celebrate his 50th year of teaching in the Big Ten. The faculty congratulated R. Stephens.
 9. The meeting was adjourned at 12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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