COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Faculty Meeting Minutes
2229 Seamans Center
October 31, 2006

Present: E. Bai, P. B. Butler, K. B. Chandran, L. D. Chen, K. K. Choi, G. Christensen, J. Jessop, W. Krajewski, A. Kruger, J. Kuhl, T. H. Lim, S. Rahman, J. Reinhardt, D. Rethwisch, J. Robinson, P. Saha, A. Scranton, R. Stephens, C. Swan, L. Weber, and J. Wiencek

1. **Call to order:** Dean P. B. Butler called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

2. **Approval of the minutes from the last meeting**: A motion (moved by K. Chandran, seconded by W. Krajewski) was made to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 9, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Introduction of new faculty members:** Dean Butler and J. Kuhl introduced three new faculty members. The new faculty members are:

    a. Jennifer Fiegel, Assistant Professor in Chemical & Biochemical Engineering
    b. Anton Kruger, Associate Professor in Electrical & Computer Engineering
    c. Punam Saha, Associate Professor in Electrical & Computer Engineering

4. **Additions to voting faculty membership:** Dean Butler distributed copies of the latest version of the voting faculty list prepared by the Engineering Faculty Council (EFC). A motion (moved by W. Krajewski, seconded by L. D. Chen) was made to approve the list. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Old business:** Dean Butler informed the faculty about recent promotion and/or tenure of the following faculty:

    a. A. Bhatti, Professor in Civil & Environmental Engineering
    b. J. Lee, Professor in Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
    c. T. H. Lim, Professor in Electrical & Computer Engineering
    d. M. Raghavan, Associate Professor in Biomedical Engineering
    e. C. Swan, Professor in Civil & Environmental Engineering

6. **New business:** Dean Butler solicited questions and comments from the faculty on (1) the State of the College address he gave at 2:30 p.m., October 31, 2006; (2) Regents' strategic assessment document; and (3) Academic Year 2006-07 agenda of four EFC committees with copies distributed to all faculty. The following comments were made:

    a. L. Weber inquired about the percentage of undergraduate students receiving tuition support. Dean Butler replied that about 50% of students receiving such support. Weber underscored the need to continue such support in the future.

b. W. Krajewski inquired about the possibility of fellowship support solely for graduate students. Dean Butler responded that raising funds to generate graduate fellowship support was difficult. He pointed out existing graduate fellowship competition sponsored by NSF and similar organizations.

c. R. Stephens stated that research and external fund generation were playing much larger roles than teaching in determining performance of the College and the faculty. He was concerned that student learning was not a major criterion for evaluating faculty performance and annual raise. He suggested that EFC should examine these issues seriously. W. Krajewski and S. Rahman, current members of the EFC, agreed to discuss Stephens' comments in future EFC meetings. Dean Butler commented that the University of Iowa, as a major research university, should play important roles in both teaching and research.

d. Dean Butler re-reviewed the summary of strategic assessment document that he presented earlier in the State of the College address. More specifically, he noted the following attributes of the College of Engineering: (1) strong undergraduate students; (2) high demand for BS graduates; (3) strong external research funding; (4) pockets of diversity; (5) GEF revenues less than allocations; and (6) above average cost per BS major.

e. There were a few general comments by various faculty on the objective of strategic assessment document, revenue adjustment, credit hours registered by current graduate students, and combined BS/MS programs.

7. **Announcements:** S. Rahman announced that the EFC members would be meeting Provost M. J. Hogan in two weeks.

8. **Adjournment:** Dean Butler adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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