

# COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

## Faculty Meeting

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

2229 Seamans Center

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dean P.B. Butler, K.K. Choi, M. Garvin, N. Grosland, C.A. Guymon, K. Hornbuckle, A. Kusiak, D. Murhammer, E. Nuxoll, G. Parkin, H. Raza, J. Reinhardt, A. Scranton, R. Stephens, M. Subramanian, R. Valentine

1. The meeting was called to order by Dean Butler at 2:30 pm
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 6, 2009 meeting of the faculty were approved without amendment.
3. Announcements
  - Commencement Saturday (12.19.09), The faculty were encouraged to attend the brunch the morning of the ceremony.
  - Dean Butler reported that the COE was noted as an example of successfully ‘powering down’ over Thanksgiving break. A request was made for the faculty to participate during the winter break.
4. Budget Update

Dean Butler presented a budgetary update; noting that “Things are getting serious” and that “Changes need to be made in the college to manage our future.”

In brief, the expenditures for FY-09 totaled \$17.698M. The FY-10 budget allocation adjusted for ARRA funds is \$17.166M (w/ ARRA), while the FY-10 Adjusted Expenditures (w/ ARRA funds) is \$17.239M.

It is important to note that the stimulus money ends June 30, 2010. Additional cuts, on the order of 4-8%, are predicted for July 1, 2010, thereby yielding an estimated FY-11 budget allocation of \$15.4M.

Consequently, changes must be made. We must address how money is currently being spent as well as raised. The faculty must start contributing to their salaries (% yet to be determined). Dean Butler clarified that these monies would go toward research, as the state contributes 40% of faculty salaries for teaching.

Dean Scranton reported that the TA allocations for Fall 2010 are projected to be cut by about half. Individual departments have projections based on the current estimates (i.e., not taking into account the additional cuts (\$17.239M → \$15.4M)).

Dean Butler encouraged active discussions between faculty members. Discussions are ongoing between Dean Butler and the EAC and EFC.

5. Approval of Candidates for Degrees

Motion – Candidates for degrees unanimously approved (subject to the approval of the registrar).

Dean Scranton noted that over half of the graduates are graduating with a minor, technological entrepreneurship certificate, honors, or distinction.

6. Old Business

The student organization laboratory (23 CB) is under construction again following the floods.

7. New Business

a. Motion for DCG voting for members not physically present.

A Guymon presented the motion for absentee voting on the behalf of the EFC.

Note that under the current policy, if not present at meeting, faculty cannot participate in the vote. Goal is to provide flexibility to traveling faculty.

EFC accepted a friendly motion to change the wording of the original motion such that ‘teleconference’ replace ‘phone’.

The modified motion passed unanimously. Consequently, the collegiate promotion and tenure policy documentation will be updated to include the following:

Participation by members of the DCG via conference call is appropriate but voting must be anonymous. To make the vote anonymous, the member missing will participate in the meeting by teleconference and leave two ballots, one yes, one no, each in an envelope inside another envelope. The appropriate vote will be made by having the person designate which envelop contains the official vote.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.