

Engineering Faculty Council

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2016

11:00 a.m.

101F Hammond Building (large conference room in Dean's Suite)

Present: Butler, Flaska, Giebink, Gomez, Kulkarni, Lesieutre, Masters, Palacios, Parkinson, Stoffels, Tan, Wolfe

1. Approval of minutes for the meeting of September 20, 2016

- Minutes were revised to correct error neglecting attendance of Flaska, Kulkarni, and Stoffels.
- Unanimously approved.

2. Dean's Report (Peter Butler)

- Progress in Masters program revenue return; Dean's office has worked out a formula for phasing in the money returned to departments up to 40% over the course of three years.
- Recent hires: Priva Baboo, Director of Industry, Innovation, and Development, and Jennifer Wu, Director of Data Analysis and Assessment.
- New tenure-track faculty hires: 2015-16 (22); 2016-17 (18); 38 ongoing departmental searches and 2 frontier faculty openings.
- Comments received on recent entrance to major report. Report includes benchmarking of peer institutions and consideration of the impact resulting from potential changes in entrance to major process. Next steps are to revise plan and meet with Admissions director, VP of undergraduate education, and the provost.

3. Presentation on status of research initiatives (George Lesieutre)

- Overview of research dean activities shared between George and Chris Rahn.
- OERA is extremely busy; 150 proposals in queue as of mid-Oct. Moving forward, need to balance making things easy for faculty, building in resilience to personnel changes/peak workload times, and satisfy compliance requirements.
- Soon, faculty should begin to prepare their own draft SIMS budgets to help in streamlining proposal prep.
- Innovation Gateway set up to increase industry relations and outreach.
- Starting FA17, Grad School will require minimum grade 12 for AR offers; post-doc minimum increases to \$47,476 on Dec. 1, 2016.
- Provided breakdown of F&A rates.
- New online resources at OVPR to find funding; Pivot changed to Scival.
- Slides from George's presentation are available on the EFC Box website.

4. Updates from Undergraduate Studies Committee (Chris Giebink)

- Unanimously approved two course additions and three course changes: AE463, AE468, AE472, CE435, and ENGR 460.

5. Updates from Graduate Studies Committees (Esther Gomez)

- Unanimously approved two program changes to the Engineering Leadership and Management (ELIM) Program and the Human Factors Engineering and Ergonomics Program.

6. Updates from Engineering Technology Committee (Engr Tech Chair)

- None.

7. Updates from Faculty Senate (Doug Wolfe)

Updates from meeting on Oct. 18; next meeting is Dec. 6.

Items of discussion:

- Continuing discussion on proposal by UPUA for smoke-free University Park Campus.
- Susan Basso, VP for Human Resources, presented health plan option changes for 2017
- Discussion from Admissions on the enrollment fluctuation last year.
- Presentation by Michael Zeman on Eberly's 'Science U' as a model for delivering academic science content to K-12.

8. Other Business

- Parkinson brought up current status of the Graduate School proposal to revise the definitions between 500 and 800-level courses (distinction between courses for research and professional degrees). Currently much disagreement on this issue; more to come after upcoming meeting of the Graduate Council Joint Curricular Committee.