

August 22nd 2017 EFC Minutes

1. Approval of minutes for the previous EFC meeting on April 18th, 2017.
Unanimously approved.
2. Dean's Report (Justin Schwartz)
 - The EFC welcomed the new Dean, Justin Schwartz.
 - An update was provided on new rules governing Greek organizations (fraternities and sororities). The local chapter of Beta Theta Pi has been disbanded, although certain members continue to reside in the residence. The State College Borough municipal government is involved in determining the outcome, which may further affect reform of the Penn State Greek system.
 - An update was provided on the effort to unionize graduate students. Faculty and staff are asked to visit <http://gradfacts.psu.edu> to obtain additional information and answers to frequently asked questions.
3. Updates from the Undergraduate Studies Committee
 - Course changes were proposed for the following undergraduate courses: CMPSC 131. CMPSC 132. CMPSC 221. Related updates to CMPSC program descriptions and curriculum ordering.

CHE210. CHE210H. CHE220. CHE220H. CHE450. CHE452. CHE480M. CHE480W. Related updates to the CHE program descriptions, the elimination of Options that had low enrollments, and changes to the list of acceptable technical & technical emphasis electives.
All course changes were unanimously approved.
4. Updates to Career Progression for Non-Tenure Track Faculty (Rebecca Mason)
 - An update was provided on the College-wide and University-wide effort to provide a clear route to career progression for non-tenured faculty. There are a series of new titles for non-tenured track faculty that specialize in Teaching, Research, or Clinical practices. New committees have been formed and staffed to determine Promotion and Tenure decisions. This effort was developed to increase the retention of performant non-tenure track faculty with clearer merit-based promotions and titles.
5. Updates from Graduate Studies Committee
No items to report.
6. Updates from Engineering Technology Committee (Jennilyn Vallejera)

- The Engineering Technology committee recently had their ETCE meeting on August 14th, and 18 programs will go for accreditation next year (2 BET, 2 EET (3 campuses), 2 MET (3 campuses), 2 SRT, EMET (4 campuses), as well as SUR E).

7. Updates from Faculty Senate (Doug Wolfe)
No items to report.