

Engineering Faculty Council

Meeting Minutes

February 20th, 2018

11:00 a.m.

202 Hammond Building (Stavelly conference room)

Present:

1. Approval of minutes for the meeting of January 16, 2018
Unanimously approved.
2. Dean's Report:
 - A. With the support of the EFC, the Dean's office has reached out to department/unit heads to solicit nominations for faculty senate. The election results are as follows:

Meg Handley, primary (4-year term)
Jeffrey Laman, primary (4-year term)
John Messner, primary (4-year term)
Karl Reichard, primary (3-year term)
Alok Sinha, primary (4-year term)
Yanxi Liu, alternate
Themis Matsoukas, alternate
Ling Rothrock, alternate
Justin Watson, alternate
Siyang Zheng, alternate
3. Undergraduate Studies Committee
No updates
4. Graduate Program Committee

Graduate Faculty Council has clarified guidelines for a Research Masters Degree. A research degree must include active faculty engagement, low student/faculty ratios and a culminating research experience.
5. Updates from the Faculty Senate
 - A. Penn State has selected a new email system to replace WebMail. A description of the proposed changes was provided. In addition, Penn State IT services conducted a series of tests to assess our vulnerability to email phishing attacks. If you received an email about a "Mandatory Culture Survey", that was a test.
 - B. The Faculty Senate is discussing the recreation fee and the use of Recreation Hall. The Recreation Hall is currently not run by Campus Recreation, and there is the

potential for extra fees to be imposed on the use of facilities beyond those currently covered by Campus Recreational fees.

- C. The Office of Research Management is reviewing and updating their policy on the disclosure of financial interests.
- D. The Provost provided an update on undergraduate scholarship awards.