

ENGINEERING FACULTY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2020; 11:00 a.m.
202 Hammond Building (Stavely Conference Room)

- Approval of minutes for the meeting of November 12, 2019 - Approved unanimously
- Chair's Report—Repeated the call for a vice-chair.
- Updates from Undergraduate Studies Committee—Gary Gray; the following proposal was approved unanimously:
 - *CE 444 Micro CADD Applications for Buildings—Drop*
- Updates from Graduate Studies Committee—Puneet Singla; nothing to report
- Dean's Report—Anthony Atchley
 - Entrance to major: ETM proposals have been approved by the R&T subcommittee and moved to the full Senate Committee on Curricular Affairs for review at March 17 meeting. If approved, the changes would become effective for summer 2020.
 - Request from Provost to use Starfish for reporting student progress.
 - ODL Engineering digital learning academic council (E-DLAC) (with representatives from each department) will meet on January 24th. Will be discussing how to ensure high quality in online courses.
 - Update On Microcredentials: ODL will contract with Credly (<https://credly.com>) to help deliver digital badges: What we are calling "Inspire Badges" aimed at recognizing co-curricular experiences for students.
- College of Engineering Seed Grants—Chris Rahn (slides in Box folder for 1/21/2020 meeting)
 - Faculty interest is high (367 proposals submitted and funds only available for 69).
 - Most of the seed grant funds supported graduate students.
 - Almost half (48%) of seed-related external proposals are funded (COE baseline = 38%).
 - \$2.1M internal investment over 5 yrs yielded \$6.9M external funding awarded (estimated) in 18/19 (only year data collected)--3.3X ROI.
 - Seed grants provide faculty with opportunities for new collaborations and research directions.
- Updating the CoE Promotion and Tenure Guidelines—Anthony Atchley
 - Discussion was held of how to proceed with potential update and/or reapproval of guidelines. Considered working group from EFC and/or College P&T Committee.
 - Decision was made to schedule a working meeting with interested members of EFC.
- Update from Faculty Senate—Alok Sinha presented a summary of the Senate SRTE document and suggested that all read the document and share with department colleagues. Presentation and report available in Box folder for 1/21/2020 meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm