

ENGINEERING FACULTY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020; 11:00 a.m.

202 Hammond Building (Stavelly Conference Room)

1. Approval of minutes for the meeting of January 21, 2020. – Approved unanimously
2. Chair's Report – Shelley Stoffels
 - a. March meeting moved from March 3rd to March 17th
 - b. EFC elections will be sent out to department heads.
3. Deans' Report - Peter Butler (slides on Box)
 - a. Undergraduate:
 - i. Engineering Enforced Prerequisites – Effective date moved to 2021. Prerequisite cleanup requires course approval and registrar review. Prerequisites are not enforced for graduate students.
 - ii. Grade forgiveness has been passed by ACUE. Effective Summer and Fall 2020. A student who gets a D or F in a course can re-take the course and only the new grade will be reflected in the GPA calculation. The grade forgiveness does not change past administrative decisions. See APPM H3 for more information.
 - b. Graduate:
 - i. Graduate open house – Students arrive in the evening on Thursday 2/13 and on Friday 2/14 the students will spend the day with departments. The events will take place at the Nittany Lion Inn.
 - ii. Graduate exhibition – March 27th, 2020. Registration is February 28th. Intended for students to communicate their research to a broad audience.
 - c. Equity and inclusion – Tonya Peeples
 - i. Clark foundation announcement – \$15 million dollar investment from Clark and \$10 million from PSU to create the Clark Scholars Program for incoming students.
4. Update from Undergraduate Studies Committee—Gary Gray (proposals in Box)
 - a. EDSGN 462 – Approved Unanimously
 - b. AE 441 – Approved Unanimously
5. Update from Graduate Studies Committee—Puneet Singla
 - a. Nothing to report
6. Update from Engineering Technology Committee—Ram Rajagopalan
 - a. Nothing to report

7. Update from Nominating Committee—Dan Hayes
 - a. There are three upcoming nominations. Process will begin in the next few weeks.
8. Academic Integrity—Christine Masters (slides in box)
 - a. Academic Integrity should be discussed and not just an item on the syllabus. The G9 policy governs academic integrity. Both the paper and electronic systems include student rights. This allows the University to track patterns. Prior violations are kept confidential from the review committees. They do not see prior problems until the committee decides on the current event. Additional faculty are needed to serve on the academic integrity review committees.
9. Updating the CoE Promotion and Tenure Guideline - Shelley Stoffels
 - a. Update from the 10:00 a.m. working meeting. - First look at the promotion and tenure guidelines. The next step is to take the input and create a new draft for the working group. Will be following up soon.
10. Update from Faculty Senate—Alok Sinha
 - a. Last senate meeting there was a report on the status of African American professors at Penn State University. The report highlights current issues.
11. Update from Graduate Council— Shelley Stoffels on behalf of Bo Cheng
 - a. Nothing to report
12. Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.