

ENGINEERING FACULTY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2020; 11:00 a.m.

Zoom (all materials on Box)

1. Permission to record the meeting – Approved
2. Approval of minutes for the meetings of – Approved
3. EFC Elections - Shelley Stoffels
 - a. Chair: Jeff Chiampi - Approved
 - b. Vice Chair: Puneet Singla - Approved
 - c. Secretary: Rob Kunz - Approved
4. Deans' Report—Peter Butler
 - a. Number of paid receipts at UP slightly up, same at Commonwealth Campuses
 - b. COE 3092 paid accepts: 25%, 10% underrepresented, 14% international
 - c. Shared availability of surveillance, non pre-arrival COVID dashboard at <https://virusinfo.psu.edu/covid-19-dashboard>
 - d. “Penn State Go” App symptom tracker is available
 - e. Discussed 4 course modes. He will send the percentage to EFC. Needs to confirm with Department head before changing mode
 - f. 70% reduction in class space due to physical distancing
 - g. Return to remote learning committee has been formed in case necessary
5. Planning Committee – Shelley Stoffels
 - a. More information on Faculty equity and inclusion will be available soon.
6. Update from Faculty Senate—Alok Sinha
 - a. No Report
7. Update from graduate council:
 - a. No Report – Next meeting in the 2nd or 3rd week of September
8. Update from Undergraduate Studies Committee—Gary Gray (proposals in Box)
 - a. No Updates
 - b. Gary Gray brought up concerns regarding:
 - i. 1) random testing protocol concerns from students, especially those who are already quarantined
 - ii. 2) students are pessimistic about open-campus lasting very long – no contact delivery modes for testing?

9. Update from Graduate Studies Committee—Puneet Singla (proposals in Box)
 - a. Proposals approved

10. Update from Engineering Technology Committee—Ram Rajagopalan (proposals in Box)
 - a. Proposal approved.

11. Meeting adjourned.