

ENGINEERING FACULTY COUNCIL, March 9, 2021 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meeting Minutes – Rob Kunz Secretary.

Zoom (all materials in Box)

1. Permission to record? – approved
2. Approval of minutes for the meeting of February 9, 2020 – no discussion, approved
3. Chair Report – Jeff Chiampi summarized the new EFC representative elections that need to be done at the department level – several departments need to do so (AERSP, ArchE, ChemE, ESM). Jeff will be sending email to departments heads – we need to follow up with them to make sure these elections happen soon since we need the newly elected EFC reps to attend the final meeting of the semester. Gary Gray asked if folks can do consecutive terms – constitution says no, but numerous exceptions have arisen. Very long discussion on the issue of how to keep the 3-year cycle consistent in the context of: constitution, sabbaticals, repeating terms, need for numerous candidates at department level elections, conflict of interests between candidates and recruiting, who grants exceptions, EFC reps reporting to departments at department faculty meetings, etc...
4. Deans Report – Peter Butler – (see Appendix)
5. Update from Undergraduate Studies Committee - Gary Gray -
 - AERSP program change proposal. Approved.
 - Biological Engineering program change proposal. Approved.
6. Update from Graduate Studies Committee – Mehdi Kiani
 - AE 532 new course proposal. Approved.
 - AE 544 new course proposal. Approved.
 - AE 566 new course proposal. Approved.
 - AE 581 drop course proposal. Approved.
 - AE 880 drop course proposal. Approved.
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7. Update from Engineering Technology Committee - Ram Rajagopalan
 - No proposals at this time
8. Update from Faculty Equity and Inclusion Committee – Shelly Stoffels
 - Nothing from planning committee
 - Started the process of scheduling conversation circles. currently working on availability of the facilitators. Invites soon to go out.

9. Update from Faculty Senate – Alok Sinha
 - Senate is in the process of developing three pillar model of teaching assessment, which will include peer review student feedback and self assessment.

10. Update from Graduate Council - Bo Cheng
 - GCAC 213 updates (residency and related policies for off campus degree programs)
 - GCAC 208 updates (title graduate degree programs)
 - GCAC 702 reduction of lowering # of professional doctoral degree members from 3 to 2 – not approved by GC.

11. Other business – none

Appendix

University announcements

- You have heard about the transition to in person teaching for the fall.
 - For the most part, the course schedule and teaching modes will use the previous non-covid teaching modes that were in place for the Fa 2019
 - Fa 2020 covid teaching modes are being used as a possible back up if there is a sudden need to change
 - There will be a process to handle exceptions
- Undergraduate admissions
 - Applications and accepts generally up
 - Uncertainly around common ap; and test optional
 - More students are deferring decisions
 - For COE
 - Will have data next time
- COE. Grad admissions
 - FA 2020: App/Adm/Acc. 3593/41/16
 - FA 2021: App/Adm/Acc. 3217/222/101
- Next wellness day: March 11th (Thursday)

COE

- Faculty Forums:
 - **Equity Action Plan and Faculty Advancement**
Feb. 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Tonya Peeples, Anthony Atchley
 - **Faculty Promotion and Advancement**
April 22, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Anthony Atchley
 - **Undergraduate Student Success in the First Two Years**
March 25, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Peter Butler
 - **Graduate Programs**
Growth
May 27, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
George Lesieutre
 - IPAC will be here March 15-17