

ENGINEERING FACULTY COUNCIL, October 12, 2021 11:00 a.m. – 11:52 p.m.

Meeting Minutes – Rob Kunz Secretary.

- Approval to record – approved
- Approval of minutes for the meeting of September 14, 2021 – approved
- Chair Report – Puneet Singla: Need EFC section of CoE Constitution and By-Laws to be updated. PS wants to define an ad-hoc committee for this.
- Dean’s report – Peter Butler – see attached Appendix 1. Anthony Atchley: Provided some overview and history of COE Governance and documentation in the Constitution and By-Laws. Just a document that lays out how the college should be run – and we have strayed significantly from it over the past 2+ decades since it was last updated. A number of procedures were outdated and have been eliminated or simplified. Retained is the ability for faculty to raise serious issues to the Dean. Some formality has been reduced. Numbers related to faculty size have been scaled to reflect current faculty count in college. New NTL faculty committee.
- Update from Undergraduate Studies Committee – Rob Leicht
 - ME 340 – Course Change – Approved
 - ME 460 – Course Change – Approved
- Update from Graduate Studies Committee – Mehdi Kiani
 - AE 540 – Course Add – Approved
 - AE 564 – Course Add – Approved
 - CE 581 – Course Change – Approved
 - Engineering Leadership and Innovation Management Certificate – Course Change – Approved
- Update from Faculty Equity and Inclusion Committee – Tonya Peeples/Shelley Stoffels – TP: Working on College level E&I plan. Forming committees and sub-committees for building this plan. New COE faculty search. New Post-doc program to be launched (SS and GL involved). SS: “Faculty E&I” name motivation. Inputs to COE strategic plan. New committee member billets are to be filled.
- Update from Faculty Senate – Alok Sinha – Proposed name change to AC-80 to be discussed at Faculty Senate committee meeting next week. Essentially AC-80 and AD-77 being merged into one.
- Update from Graduate Council - still need new rep for graduate council
 - Nothing to report
- Other business – none

Appendix 1 – Peter Butler Dean’s report:

University

- Enrollment
 - At University Park, enrollment increased by 2.2% or 1,029 students for resident instruction
 - Commonwealth Campus enrollment declined 6.6% or 2,102 students from 31,817 in 2020 to 29,715 in 2021.
- University is exploring the idea of remote synchronous instruction as a possible option for courses delivery

- Taskforce has been charged

University is developing a laptop requirement initiative.

- Effective 2023

ACUE has developed policy around maximum credits students can register for: 24

- C2: <https://undergrad.psu.edu/aappm/C-2-registration.html>

College

- Official enrollment is in
 - UP: 8296 (UG); 1757 (GR)
 - CWC: 2331 (UG)
 - WC: 89 UG; 311 GR
- Progress on West 2 continues;
 - Had the west 2 steel topping out ceremony last Wednesday.
 - Should be open by Fall 2022
 - Details: <https://www.opp.psu.edu/project/college-engineering-research-teaching-space-2-west-2>
 - <https://www.engr.psu.edu/master-plan/west-2.aspx>
- West 1 is also progressing
 - Should be open Fall 2023
- Guion Bluford Building naming ceremony was on Friday, October 8
 - Guy Bluford is the first African American astronaut in space
 - https://news.psu.edu/story/671350/2021/10/01/campus-life/penn-state-honor-astronaut-col-guion-guy-bluford-jr?utm_source=newswire&utm_medium=email&utm_term=671599_HTML&utm_content=10-04-2021-22-24&utm_campaign=Penn%20State%20Today
 - earned his undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering from Penn State in 1964
 - 230 Innovation Blvd (where CIMP 3D is) was named in his honor
- Justin will deliver state of the college
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