

MINUTES: Engineering Faculty Council

Meeting No. 2, August 31, 2009; 3111 SC

Committee Members:

In attendance: A. Guymon, N. Grosland, S. Reddy, Dean A. Scranton

Absent: Dean P.B. Butler, K.K. Choi

Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am
- Minutes from Meeting No. 1 were approved.

Announcements

- A. Guymon informed the committee that the nominations for the positions of faculty secretary and EFC member have been accepted and that the ballots will be disseminated to the faculty this week.
- With the recent announcement of the change in structure to the mechanics shop the purposes thereof will need to be defined. Charges will be established for either the EFC or one of the standing committees.
- W. Nixon has accepted the position of Statics Course Coordinator.

2009-2010 Goals

- The committee agreed that two goals of the EFC for AY 2009-2010 should be:
 - i. To address the impact of the impending budget cuts, specifically how will they impact TA allocations? What is the rationale, future plans, etc.? Not only at the departmental level, but in terms of engineering core courses (e.g. EPS I). How might the cuts be absorbed? Current TA practices need to be addressed (i.e., how they are being utilized for individual classes, etc.).

The EFC will determine how to best solicit feedback from the faculty so as to best represent the collective opinion of the faculty.
 - ii. Revisit the post-tenure review process. S. Reddy will review the current practices; specifically with respect to the review requirements for faculty at the Associate level.

Voting Faculty

- The approval of COE voting faculty members was tabled until the next meeting; clarification regarding the voting rights of faculty members with joint appointments in being sought.

Membership on Standing Committees

- The current committee rosters were reviewed and a discussion followed of potential faculty to fill the vacancies. Not all departments were represented at the meeting so the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Committee Charges

- EFC members were reminded to review their respective committee assignments and to review/propose changes to the current charges.
- RE: Promotion and Tenure, should there be a single document merging the University and COE requirements?

- *Next Meeting* Monday, Sept 14 at 11:00 am; rm. 3111 SC.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Minutes submitted by NM Grosland