

Minutes
Engineering College Faculty and Staff Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 2016
3405 Engineering Building – Dean’s Conference Room

The meeting started at 3:30pm

1. The agenda was moved, seconded and approved
2. Minutes for the March 18, 2016 meeting were approved.
3. Tom Bieler welcomed & gave a brief update of ECAC activity
 - 3.1 Changes in the College bylaws (largely updating) were presented; due to a lack of quorum, a vote via email was proposed and agreed upon.
4. New Faculty and Staff were introduced.
 - 4.1 No new Chairpersons or College Staff.
 - 4.2 New Faculty and Staff – were introduced by Department Chairs or their representatives.
 - 4.3 Other New Staff were introduced by Chairs.
 - 4.4 Bill Punch gave an update on iCER computational services, ~ 17k cores, described buy-in policy.
5. Presentations on College Status.
 - 5.1 Associate Dean Tom Voice discussed plans for hiring and space – about 15 searches in AY 16-17, ramping up BME hiring, conversion of Library completed to provide CMSE space, ribbon cutting of Bioengineering Building, plans for assessing and more efficiently using available space.
 - 5.2 Associate Dean John Verboncoeur gave an update on CoE expenditures (\$49M) Federal Research Budgets (gradual dropping trend as fraction of GDP).
 - 5.3 Associate Dean Manooch Koochesfahani provided an update on the number of graduate students (flat at about 550 Ph.D. students, about 80 Ph.D. graduates per year in past several years, MS student count dropping to about 200), dual degree program with IIT Madras, ICT Mumbai described along with other international research collaboration opportunities.
 - 5.4 Associate Dean Neeraj Buch gave an update on Undergraduate student numbers (1689 Freshmen (peaked at 1720 in 2015), 814 degrees granted in 2016), 1100 female undergraduates; Career Gallery brought more than 400 employers, drawing over 4000 students.
 - 5.5 Associate Dean Neeraj Buch reviewed the outcome of the ABET visit – generally positive, need to deal with weakness involving CEM 141-151 equivalence in MSE and ChEMS programs.
 - 5.6 Dean Kempel gave an update on the state of the College; Chair searches in ChEMS, CSE, 21 hires in past year, discussed budget details (tuition does not follow the student), 1% efficiency factor, need for other revenue sources

such as on-line courses, etc., and 95% of Capital Campaign goal of \$80M reached, with 10 new endowed position agreements.

6. Craig Gunn advised and encouraged faculty to be proactive in contributing to the MSU Community Charitable Campaign.

Adjourned at 4:30 pm