

COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF MTG  
March 26, 2015  
MEETING MINUTES

1. The agenda was approved
2. The minutes of the October 30, 2014 College of Engineering Faculty meeting were approved.
3. Introduction of new faculty and staff – Chairpersons  
UGS - New director of AES/new advisor/; ME - 2 new academic specialists; Development - 1 new staff; Division of Engineering Research - 2 new staff
4. Dean's presentation
  - Academic Competiveness Fund will be explained by John V.
  - Department of Biomedical Engineering exists as of January 2015.
    - o Bioengineering building expected to be ready December 2015
    - o Inaugural Chairperson is being discussed
  - Details on changes to RPT process for promotion to full professor and deadline dates was presented.
  - Proposed Department of computational mathematics, Science, and Engineering has been sent to academic governance.
  - Campaign goal of 80 million dollars is 51% to fulfillment.
  - The Engineering Library is being repurposed into 25 offices, 1 suite, and carrels for 124 graduate students and postdocs
  - Group working on strategic planning will report by April 15<sup>th</sup>, to be shown to college October 2015.
  - New Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Affairs – Amanda Idema.
5. Update on Chair Searches  
BAE: 3 candidates have been interviewed and all were acceptable; an offer is out  
ECE: 27 applications were received. 10 phone interviews. 5 candidates will be interviewed from March 16-April 2. Recommendations to the Dean by April 20.  
ME: 26 applications were received. 11 Skype interviews were conducted. 6 candidates were chosen for campus interviews – 3 internal, 3 external. Recommendation to the Dean by April 24.
6. Faculty and staff were reminded that everyone must take the Sexual Misconduct and Domestic Violence training.
7. Update from the Associate Deans
  - John Verboncoeur reported on the status of the Academic Competiveness Fund
    - o \$15M recurring funds
    - o Support for 60-100 faculty
    - o 87 proposals received
    - o 12 have been invited for discussion (8 involved EGR).
    - o There are 13 cluster areas – final proposals have been submitted.
    - o OVPRGS will negotiate with Colleges for matching.

- EGR asking for 10% holdback for new areas and enhancing successful areas.
- Tom Wolff presented his last presentation to the college faculty meeting as Associate dean for Undergraduate Studies
  - Senior achievements were shown along with the growth of the college's undergraduate population.
  - He addressed need to handle increasing enrollments with more academic specialists, teaching resources, lab sections and online courses.
  - More online courses are being created.
  - Women in engineering is moving forward.
  - Academic advisors have been short staffed but 2 new advisors are being hired.
  - CoRe is implementing spatial visualization testing and remediation.
  - Dr. Laura Genik is new Director of AES.
  - The Hive at Wilson has opened for the Entrepreneurship Initiative.
- Katy Colbry gave the status of the graduate program
  - Us News ranking of College of Engineering Graduate program is now 49.
  - All are invited to the Graduate Research Symposium on April 9, 2015 at the MSU Breslin Center.
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- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm. Social hour followed at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
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