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ENGINEERING COLLEGE FACULTY MEETING

April 5, 2001, 3:00 p.m.

1. Professor Ramani Narayan (ChE) chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairperson of ECAC (Professor Eric Tornng) at his request.
2. Minutes of the College Faculty Meeting of October 19, 2000 as posted on the web was approved.
3. Dean Fouke welcomed the faculty and offered the following comments:

Issues from last year:

- a. MSM reorganization proposal was submitted to the Provost
- b. Undergraduate enrollment management – work progressing; additional section of Physics and additional offerings in Information technology.
- c. Graduate student recruiting – departments need to have programs to proactively recruit higher quality students
- d. Continuous assessment of undergraduate program – no progress
- e. Publications – New look for “Currents”; common format for brochure developed by University
- f. Development – Jonathan Hill has joined as replacement for Mark Brower; Mechanical Dynamics gift of \$60 million was announced
- g. Strategic plan – no progress to report
- h. University issues – patent and copyright policy approved; outside work for pay policy is still being worked out; Professor’s Jain and Drzal are on the task force looking at “outside work for pay”.

Issues for the coming year:

- i. Re-setting the budget – zero based budget process; academic year salary recovery issue was discussed

- j. Space issues – some shifting of labs in EB; new labs are expensive; wetlabs to be located in the 2nd floor wing of EB; DER will move to Engineering building for better support service to faculty; reorganization of computing labs to take advantage of A/C zones; consolidate Publications and Development activity and staff
 - k. Development of course delivery tools for large class sections; increased use of web for courses (for example Blackboard)
 - l. New engineering faculty were introduced
4. Pedestrian Safety Issues – Bob Maki reviewed accidents on MSU campus and discussed improvements made and planned.
 5. Jackie Carlson reviewed web safety issues – security coming to the forefront; fulltime security person and two assistants addressing the issue, discussed measures being taken by DECS.
 6. Professor Tony Wojcik discussed the TA Unionization issues. He emphasized need for current TA's to vote.
 7. DOD grant issues were reviewed by Professor Tony Wojcik. This relates to the ITAR regulations – restrictions of foreign nationals (international students) in research activities, distribution of information etc. The Department of State now monitoring this activity and taken a strict position. They use a list of “critical technologies” to judge regardless of funding agency. The University is now attempting to interpret ITAR restrictions/ramifications.
 8. Engineering Faculty Handbook -- Professor Nyquist reviewed proposed changes to the handbook and requested feedback from college faculty through their ECAC representative.
 9. Dean Fouke provided an update on the faculty searches. The open positions are as follows:
 - a. CEE – three positions
 - b. ME – two positions
 - c. ChE – two positions
 - d. CSE – one Chair position
 - e. ECE – one Chair position
 - f. Computer engineering – one position
 - g. Bioengineering – one position
 10. There being no other issues, the meeting was closed at 16:40 hrs.