

College of Engineering Faculty Meeting – October 15, 1998

1. Dean Van Dusen called the meeting to order at 3pm.

New faculty of the College were introduced by their respective Chairpeople; returning members of the College assuming new roles were introduced by Dean Van Dusen.

2. The minutes of the College faculty meeting of October 17, 1997 were approved.
3. Associate Dean Wolff informed the faculty of the upcoming Science and Technology Day at the College which is held largely as a high school recruitment device. His discussion included descriptions of the range of activities planned.
4. Mr. Gunn reported on the efforts of towards meeting the United Way goals for the College. The faculty present then viewed an informative videotape regarding United Way.
5. Dean Van Dusen reported on the preparations for ABET.

The ABET accreditation visit will be held on October 25, 26, 27. The Dean presented the schedule for the visit to the faculty. He went on to describe post ABET visit activities. General question and answer ensued regarding planning for the visit of the accreditation team.

6. Dr. Harichandran reported on the efforts of the Dean search.

He first noted that every effort is being made to add qualified women candidates to the candidate pool. The application time frame is set to close on October 15. The future timetable is then that interviews will be held in mid-November, with a target hire date by July 1, 1999. College of Engineering Faculty Meeting - Oct 15, 1998

7. Professor Fisher reported on the GE Fund Project.

He noted that the project centers on selected service courses of the College, is across several major areas (EE 345, CPS 131, CEE 280), and involves a budget of about \$800k. Dr. Fisher shared a number of lessons concerning integrated curricula that have been observed by the project team.

8. Dean Van Dusen the informed the faculty of the status of the new lab in Civil Engineering at the Jolly Road Facility. This lab carries an estimated price tag of \$1M. He also described a new lab at the Division of Engineering Research, Research Center in air handling which also carries an approximate \$1M price tag. This new laboratory is now in the planning phases.

9. Dean Van Dusen then covered a number of “other business” items.

There is a need for a change in the College By-laws in the sections related to the Safety Committee. This change will allow for more stable membership on the committee, and will be covered in a ballot election.

A name change of the “Affirmative Action Advisory Committee” to the “Diversity Initiatives Advisory Committee” is desirable and will be enacted.

A name change from the “Engineering International Advisory Committee” to the “Institute for Global Engineering Education Advisory Committee” is also desirable and will be enacted.

10. The rest of the College Faculty Meeting centered on a presentation by Mark Brower, Engineering Development Officer, on the upcoming Capital Campaign, plans for it, and subsequent question and answer. One major point of background made during the discussion is that with student tuition fixed current, the Capital Campaign has taken on much large importance in terms of ability to grow new programs and thrusts within the College.

Respectfully submitted,
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