

College of Engineering Faculty Meeting

Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 16, 2003 3405 EB

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. The minutes of the March 20, 2003 College of Engineering Faculty Meeting were approved.
3. Indrek Wichman pointed out the high cost associated with ordering books through the Inter-library loan program.
4. Leo Kempel reminded that the number of credits required for full-time status for Ph.D. students is 1 credit of 999 provided the student has passed the comprehensive exam.
5. Janie Fouke reported on the following items
 - Development activity: last year College received \$4.8M in gifts/pledges (up 11%)
 - State budget: for FY03-04, College took a 3.6% cut; for FY 04-05, College has been asked to make plans for 1%, 3% and 5% potential cuts
 - College budget and faculty size: general fund budget for FY 02-03 is \$24.8M; faculty size is 141 (up from 120 in FY 98-99)
 - Renovations: Coffee shop, library, VLSI lab, Bio/signal processing lab
 - Hiring: 10 new faculty hired for 03-04, 8 on-going searches
 - College accomplishments: faculty growth, increase in number of research proposals, increase in the number of funded graduate research assistants, center for pavement preservation
 - College ranking
 - Enrollment trend: FS03 total enrollment is 3,690-- down 13%; declining interest in engineering among freshman, especially woman; graduate program is smaller
 - ABET accreditation: College has 7 accredited programs; we will be reviewed by on-site visits in FY04; encouraged faculty to become members of ASEE;
 - Faculty challenges: faculty workload policies; sabbatical leaves -1 semester vs. 2 semesters
 - On-going challenges: Mentoring faculty and graduate students; Ph.D. student recruitment; state economy; space
6. Peggy Wade reported on the following items
 - Grad degrees awarded: MS degrees awarded is constant, but PhD degrees awarded dropped in FY01-02
 - In FS03 70% of all the current grad students are supported
 - 75% of PhD students are foreign students
 - Number of grad students in FS03 is 610—down from 680 last year
 - Research expenditure for FY03 was \$24.3M
 - Brown bag luncheon on Tuesdays at noon
7. Tim Grotjohn reported that he has received a large number of comments on the Mission and Vision statement. ECAC will prepare another draft based on these comments.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

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