

**College of Engineering Faculty Meeting Minutes
Michigan State University
Thursday, March 18, 2010**

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1. **Approve Minutes from the October 29, 2009 College Faculty Meeting:** passed without changes.
2. **Introduction of New Faculty and Staff**
3. **Update on changes to the Engineering Faculty Handbook:** changes were reviewed. Included is the removal of redundant language concerning P&T evaluation letters, the new University policy on grievances, and the formation of independent College Graduate and College Research committees.
4. **Dean's Comments - Dean Satish Udpa**
 - Serious budget issues remain but the College will continue to thrive and grow.
 - Recognized the new NSF Awarded BEACON Center.
 - Funding for Engineering residential initiatives was received so progress continues.
 - Biomedical Institute development is progressing.
 - Progress continues on the institution of the Engineering Strategic Report.
5. **Update on Research Activities – Associate Dean Leo Kempel**
 - Number of College proposals submitted last year was a record high and the number submitted this year should exceed that.
 - Value of proposals awarded to date is higher than last year. This, in part, reflects stimulus funds and late allocations.
 - Federal funding opportunities in FY11 are expected to be up but a continuing resolution is anticipated. Expected increases for specific agencies were discussed.
6. **Update on Graduate Studies – Associate Dean Manooch Koochesfahani**
 - Applications are up.
 - Search for a graduate student recruitment director is in progress.
7. **Update on Undergraduate Studies – Associate Dean Tom Wolff**
 - Enrollment this fall is expected to be 14% higher based on deposits. The level is expected to be the greatest since 2003.
 - Number of out of state and international students is increasing from 10% to greater than 20%.
 - ACT of entering students is up: over 50% of the students have an ACT of 28 or more.
 - Consumers Energy is the first corporate partner to participate in the Cornerstone/Residential program.

- Number of projects in EGR100 is being reduced from 3 to 2 and the complexity is increasing.
- Honors section is being added to EGR102.
- Applied Engineering has adopted a new curriculum.

8. Public Comment: faculty members were thanked for their substantial contribution to the MSU Charitable Campaign.

Respectfully Submitted:

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