MINUTES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

Thursday, January 21, 2010, 12:30 PM

Cameron, Room 101

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

- COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING: T. Rufty, R. Smelser

Documented attendance: 71 total, 56 voting faculty.
Quorum of voting faculty: 52.

1. Welcome
CEFO president James Bowen called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes (Barry Sherlock)
A motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2009 CEFO meeting was seconded and passed.

3. IDEAS Center Update (Helene Hilger)
Helene Hilger introduced the new IDEAS (Infrastructure Design Environment And Sustainability) Center. This is a research center within the COE, that draws upon faculty expertise campus-wide. Its focus is the integration of the built environment with the natural environment. The three pillars of sustainability are Environment, Economic, and Social, and creating a built environment impacts all three. Dr. Hilger described examples of projects that the IDEAS center is involved with.

4. Special Election to replace Brian Anderson on FITSAC (Ertunga Ozelkan)
Brian Anderson, our current representative on the Faculty Information and Technology Services Advisory Committee (FITSAC), has left UNC-Charlotte. Therefore, there is a vacancy on FITSAC until the end of
his term (May 2010). A motion to appoint FITSAC Alternate Howie Fang as primary representative for the remainder of the term was seconded and passed. There were two nominees for taking over the position of FITSAC Alternate: Barry Sherlock and Srinivas Pulugurtha. An election by show of hands resulted in a victory for Pulugurtha by 30 votes to 21.

5. Development 101 (Ben Mohler)
Ben Mohler, COE Director of Philanthropy and Development, gave a presentation on the raising of funds in the form of donations to the College. Our approach is mission focused and donor centered. Top goals for 2010 include $47.5M for EPIC, $2M for motorsports, $1.6M for Scholarships, and $250K for Departments. Mohler outlined the 9-step donor cycle in flowchart form.

The COE currently obtains 50% of donations from industry, 50% from individuals. For our peer institutions, the split is 30% industry / 70% individuals; for non-profits it is 10% industry / 90% individuals. 5% of donations goes to the Chancellor’s fund, but we have been very successful in reclaiming this.

Ben Mohler can be contacted at (704)687-7213, ben.mohler@uncc.edu, Duke 322.

Gary Teng announced that Ben Mohler will be giving a presentation on fundraising in the form of a “practitioner’s guide” in Cameron 101 at 5:30 on February 8.

6. Update to CEFO constitution and Bylaws (Peter Schmidt)
Peter Schmidt has been asked to take a look at the COE Constitution and Bylaws. The aim is to update the Constitution and Bylaws so that they correctly reflect how the College is doing business today. The proposed course of action over the next 2 academic years is to:

- Revise the Constitution to include standing committees currently in operation, and correct minor inconsistencies with current CEFO operation. Retain the requirement that 2/3 majority must approve amendments. (AY 1)
- Revise and expand the current Bylaws document so that the current state of operation of all committees is documented. Add the Constitution’s requirement that committees must report on a regular basis to the CEFO. Retain the current requirement that committee bylaws are drafted by committee members and are approved by a simple majority of the faculty. (AY 2)

All proposed amendments will be posted on the consent link, and will be duly brought up for discussion and vote by the CEFO faculty. A motion to approve this proposed course of action was seconded and passed. (Schmidt’s presentation can be found on the CEFO website under “Information Items”.)

7. Faculty Research Presentations
Faculty research presentations have been postponed until the next CEFO meeting.

8. Dean’s update (Ron Smelser)
Dean Johnson was unable to be present due to illness, so Associate Dean Smelser presented the Dean’s update.

- ABET: The ABET accreditation visit is next Fall. This is obviously a very important matter for all programs involved.
- Motorsports Building: The design process for the new 15,000 square foot Motorsports Building has started. The building should be complete by September 2011.

9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.