MINUTES
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

Thursday, November 12, 2015, 12:30 PM

Lunch started at 12:00.

EPIC Building, Room G287

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

- **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**: R. Johnson, R. Smelser, M. Hermann, B. Harden, J. Edgecomke, Cricket Bonnetard, B. Harden,
- **CIVIL ENGINEERING**: D. Young, J. Daniels, E. Weber, O. Keen, J. Bowen, M. Kane.
- **ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT**: T. Hong, C. Lim, S. G. Teng.
- **OSDS**: T. Jordan, P. Tolley
- **EPIC**: J. Enslin, Y. Baez, R. Guyer.

Documented attendance: 53 total.

1. **Welcome**
   CEFO president Bruce Gehrig called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of Past Minutes (Bruce Gehrig)**
   A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was deferred as the minutes had not yet been prepared and posted. Past minutes are kept on the CEFO website at [http://www.coe.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/coe-faculty-organization.html](http://www.coe.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/coe-faculty-organization.html)

3. **Introduction of New Faculty & Staff**
   No new faculty and staff members were introduced.

4. **Giving Green Campaign (Senior Associate Dean Ron Smelser)**
   Dean Smelser talked about the Giving Green Campaign and thanked those who have contributed.

5. **Faculty Leave Change – Lori McMahon, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Budget and Personnel**
   Lori McMahon associate provost for academic budget and personnel was the guest speaker. She talked about leave policy, pay period and faculty military leave and policy related to that. Procedure
regarding FMLA, application process, campus benefits compared to the federal government and the 
mechanism to back fill the FMLA has been discussed. Slides of Lori’s presentation can be requested 
from Jennifer Eklund.

6. COE Updates and 50th Anniversary (Dean Bob Johnson)
50th Year COE Celebration updates provided. Dean Johnson promoted the purchase of the 
commemorative medallion created for the anniversary event. The origin of the medallion’s design and 
Dr. Jamie Franki’s role and work in the design of the medallion was noted. All were encouraged to 
purchase medallions as the receipts will be used to support the COE scholarship fund.

7. Faculty Award and Recognition Ceremony (Dean Bob Johnson)
Faculty who reached tenure of service milestones were recognized.
  • Ron Priebe, 45 years
  • Rajaram Janardhanam, 35 years
  • Jy Wu, 35 years
  • Farid Tranjan, 30 years
  • David Young, 30 years
  • Jim Bowen, 20 years
  • Harish Cherukuri, 20 years
  • Mohamad-Ali Hasan, 20 years
  • Martin Kane, 20 years
  • Scott Smith, 20 years
  • Patty Tolley, 20 years
  • Thomas Weldon, 20 years

Faculty who had received professional awards or recognitions in the last year were recognized.

Faculty who were promoted to full professor, promoted to associate professor and awarded permanent 
tenure, or reappointed in the last year were recognized.
  • Tara Cavalline, Reappointment as Assistant Professor
  • Babak Parkhideh, Reappointment as Assistant Professor
  • Alireza Tabarraei, Reappointment as Assistant Professor
  • Dong Chen, Promotion to Associate Professor with Permanent Tenure
  • Jiang Xie, Promotion to Full Professor

Undergraduate and graduate teaching award winners were recognized.
  • Dr. Tom Nicholas (ETCM) – Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award
  • Dr. Don Chen (ETCM) – Graduate Teaching Excellence Award

Nominations for teaching awards:
  Janos Gergely, John Ziegert, Ryan Adams, Churlzu Lim, Olya Keen, Brigid Mullany, Sukumar 
Kamalasadan, & Ertunga Ozelkan

Teaching Award Committee Members (includes students):
  Jonathan Mayhorn, Bharat Joshi, Nigel Zheng, Srinivas Pulugurtha, Tara Cavalline, Agnes 
Ozelkan, Yogendra Kakad, Praveen Ramaprabhhu, Bill Saunders, Cody Beal, Sandeep 
Krishnakumar, Samuel Shue, Mark Rubeo, Josh Davis, Clay Wallace, Jacob Tyndall, Wesley 
Johnson, Alex Curley, & Robert Lankford

8. Adjournment (Bruce Gehrig)