

# MINUTES

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 12:30 PM**

**Lunch available at 12:00 PM**

**EPIC Building, Room G256**

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

Robert E. Johnson, Ronald E. Smelser, Mike Hermann, Patricia Tolley, James D. Bowen, Nicole Braxtan, Olya Keen, Mariya Munir, Brett Q. Tempest, Kimberly Warren, Nabila (Nan) BouSaba, Valentina Cecchi, Badrul Chowdhury, Jim Conrad, Abasifreke Ebong, Madhav Manjrekar, Asis Nasipuri, Babak Parkhideh, Benny Rodriguez-Medina, Courtney Smith-Orr, Sukumar Kamalasadán, Tiefu Zhao, Yamilka Baez-Rivera, Nicole Barclay, Navid Goudarzi, Jeffrey Kimble, Glenda Mayo, Ronald Priebe, Deborah Sharer, Weimin Wang, Ahmed El-Ghannam, Terence J. Fagan, Gert (Friedrich Gerhard) Goch, Terry T. Xu, Haitao Zhang, Tao Hong, Stacy Leotta, Jill Morgan, Arun Ravindran

(37 attendees)

### **1. Welcome**

CEFO president Sukumar Kamalasadán called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

### **2. Approval of Past Minutes (Sukumar Kamalasadán)**

A few names seemed to be missing from the list of attendees. A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made and approved. Past minutes are kept on the CEFO website at <http://engr.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/cefo-faculty-organization/cefo-meeting-minutes>

### **3. College Update (Dean Johnson)**

- Budget request was made. Emphasis on teaching load and high student-faculty ratios, especially in mechanical and electrical & computer engineering (well above 20:1). Focal points included: hiring teaching faculty and lecturers, budget (~\$500k) for Teaching Assistants, and budget for the salary of the Belk Woodward distinguished professor endowment (\$1.5M)
- No news about salary raises
- Space planning consultants have been looking at space for the whole campus. Over the course of the summer, they will complete their analysis and we will hear results. In the last several years, we have been pushed to have a makers' space, big open lab where multiple projects can be undertaken. This is a plan discussed also with the space consultants. The makers' space can be used for senior design, all other design courses, etc. Possible location for this space is at the library. Substantial space would be needed.
- Mike Mazzola accepted the position as EPIC director and will be joining us in July.

- New director of assessment and advising will be starting in July. Coming from the University of Tennessee graduate school.
- Expected growth for the college: on a 10 year window, 3 to 5% per year. When we raise admission and progression requirements, our diversity suffers. The growing colleges in the university are: business, us, CCI, and health & human services.
- DOT grant \$7.7M Wei Fen – program. Front office in first floor of EPIC.

#### **4. College & University Elections (Sukumar Kamalasadán)**

- Update: request for volunteers to serve were sent out. A shared Google document was created to help coordinate. A few positions are yet to be filled.
- University Committees: (DUE ON 4/14)
  - Faculty council (CEE, ET, ECE, ME) – 1 main and 1 alternate for each dept.
    - CEE Kimberly Warren; same alternate as before
    - ECE current alternate will be main
- College Committees (ideally by end of this week)
- SK will be reaching out for help from dept. chairs to get all the volunteers

#### **5. Closing and Adjournment (Sukumar Kamalasadán)**

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM