

MINUTES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

Tuesday, September 12, 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, 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 Arun Ravindran called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Past Minutes (Sukumar Kamalasan)

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)

- Chairs introduced their new hires
- EPIC center director, Dr. Mazzola was welcomed.
- No budget update received yet.
- UG enrollment update in the college was presented.
- College dashboard: overall college expenditures is about \$40M.
- Fund sources: Originally tuition increment was for the equipment but now in part used for graduate assistantship.
- Research awards increased from \$8M to \$15M; total campus is at \$51M. COE is now #1 in the campus again.
- Student-faculty ratio is encouraging but still needs to be improved.
- More than 60% government funding coming from NSF
- Staff Transactions- P-card payment has been increased significantly. The goal is to reduce the number of transactions.

- Mosaic budget is now about \$2M coming from the state and student fees. We were over \$2M in the previous years.
- Brief discussion on tuition increment for Ph.D. students. Further discussions to take place at upcoming CAC meetings

4. Nationally Competitive Scholarship (Malin Pereira and Karen James):

- Speakers talked about mentoring students to compete for national scholarships. Last year UNC Charlotte had two Goldwater scholarship winners both from the Dept. of Biology. Funding is available for all majors including engineering. Faculty were encouraged to mentor COE students for prestigious scholarships. Karen

5. Meeting adjourned at 1:30