

MINUTES
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION
(CEFO)

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 11:30 AM

Duke 345

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

Robert E. Johnson, Jennifer Carlson, Stephanie Galloway, Mike Hermann, Shanda Wirt, Donna Furr, Stacy Leotta, Wendy Meier, Saya Robinson, Joanne Zhang, Cathy Blat, Jerry Dalberg, Gwen Gill, Meg Harkins, Dan Latta, Kevin Lindsey, Jimmie Miller, Bill Andern, Jason Edgecombe, John Daniels, Nicole Braxtan, Olya Keen, Milind Khire, Mariya Munir, Mei Sun, Asis Nasipuri, James Conrad, Aba Ebong, Mike Mazzola, Wei Gao, Ron Sass, Andrew Willis, Yhong Zang, Tony Brizendine, Don Chen, Rodward Hewlin, Jeffery Kimble, Thomas Nicholas, Carlos Orozco, Maciej Noras, Jacelyn Rice, Deborah Sharer, Omidreza Shoghli, Jake Smithwick, Sheng-Guo Wang, Stephanie Pilkington, John Nettles, Dan Hoch, Tina Chen, John Nettles, Tracy Beauregard, Harish Cherukuri, Ahmed El-Ghannam, Gloria Elliot, Chris Evans, Konstantinos Falaggis, Howie Fang, Jerre Hill, Edward Morse, Jeff Raquet, Karen Thorsett-Hill, Peter Tkacik, Terry Xu, Haitao Zhang, Simon Hsiang, Tao Hong, Churizo Lim, Ertunga Ozelkan, Bai Linqun, Guanglin Xu.

(70 attendees)

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome (CEFO President Dr. Carlos Orozco)**
- 2. Approval of April Minutes.**

The September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved without objections or corrections. Minutes available at <https://engr.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/cefo-faculty-organization>.

3. Dr. Joan Lorden, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Joan Lorden, discussed the search for the UNC Charlotte Lee College of Engineering Dean position. A consulting firm [Buffkin Baker](#) was hired for the process. It will hold a meeting on Friday November 22nd at 1:15 PM until 2:00 PM at Duke Centennial Hall 345, looking for faculty and staff feedback. All are encouraged to get involved in the search, suggest candidates, publicize the search opportunity for the college. The company will put together a pool of candidates the list will be narrowed down to about 12 in January February timeframe. The search committee will conduct preliminary interview by March 2020 to narrow down the list. There will be interviews on campus around that time. the list of the search committee members will be posted soon. Vice-Chancellor Jay Raja will chair of the committee, which will have representatives from every CoE Department. The new Dean should be hired in summer 2020., possible transition period.

4. Presentation by Dr. Richard Tankersley, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development.

Dr. Tankersley Discussed restructuring of the [Charlotte Research Institute](#). CRI Retreat determined that the Institute should focus on businesses and companies and how to interact with them, sharing resources and talent. Office of Industry and Government Partnerships was formed. What was a distributed model of interaction now is transformed to a centralized office, with liaisons for specific areas of partnership type (government, corporate, military, etc.) Forming groups for going after comprehensive funding (across departments, colleges, institutions). The Center for research excellence introduced 3 new programs CATALYST program, ran in CLAS, but expanding. Designed to help faculty members successfully apply for research grants from state and federal agencies, foundations and non-profits. Offered in the summer.

(<https://clas.uncc.edu/research/catalyst-program>)

CLIPP program (Complex Large Interdisciplinary Proposal Preparation): Designing proposal strategy, facilitating project team meetings and communication, identifying milestones and managing the proposal schedule, identifying faculty expertise and resources, gathering institutional data, preparing the budget and budget justification (10-12 proposals/year).

Ignite – planning program to promote new collaborative research efforts and facilitate the development of interdisciplinary teams focused on preparing competitive, large-scale collaborative proposals for significant external funding, see <https://research.uncc.edu/departments/office-proposal-development-opd/locating-funding/internal-funding-programs>. Funds carry over the end of a fiscal year to the next one.

Software tools for fostering corporate relationships are being introduced (Academic Analytics). They allow companies to search through the faculty expertise. Planned implementation is spring 2020.

Questions were asked about support for student grant opportunities. Some form of support is planned with the Graduate School.

Request was made for consolidated approach to help the UNC Charlotte faculty reach broader recognition (National Academy nominations, etc.)

5. New Library Services – Jeff McAdams, Engineering, Math, and Physics Librarian

Institutional repository is available to faculty. It is a free and openly accessible digital collection, which includes preprints, projects, presentations and other materials. Intended for preservation of work, may result in more impact and more citations. Can be used for the data storage requested for grants. The copyrights are up to the faculty, if unsure the library will help. <https://guides.library.uncc.edu/repository>

6. Proposed Changes to the Engineering Teaching Awards Criteria – Carlos Orozco, President

Dr. Orozco presented the proposed changes to the teaching awards criteria. The changes were approved without objection.

7. College Update – Dean Johnson

Enrollment in the University and the College is about the same as last year. The funding situation for the College remains unchanged. The state does not have a budget yet.

8. Closing - Dr. Carlos Orozco

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.