

MINUTES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO)

Thursday, February 6, 12:30 PM

EPIC Building, Room G256

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet:

- COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING: C. Bonnetaud, R. Johnson, R. Smelser
- CIVIL ENGINEERING: J. Amburgey, J. Bowen, J. Daniels, J. Gergely, R. Guyer, M. Kane, O. Keen, S. Pulugurtha, B. Tempest, M. Whelan
- ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING: R. Adams, J. Bird, N. Bousaba, V. Cecchi, B. Chowdhury, J. Conrad, F.D. Esenwein, I. Ferguson, C. Hargrove, B. Joshi, Y. Kakad, M. Miri, A. Mukherjee, A. Nasipuri, B. Parkhideh, R. Pottathuparambil, Z. Salami, R. Sass, F. Tranjan, T. Weldon, Y. Zhang
- ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT: T. Hong, J. Mayhorn, M. Ogle, E. Ozelkan
- ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: A. Browne, D. Chen, B. Gehrig, J. Hildreth, P. Juneja, J. Kimble, C. Morrissey, T. Nicholas, C. Orozco, P. Schmidt, B. Sherlock, P. Tolley, N. Tymvios, W. Williams
- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING SCIENCE: T. Beauregard, H. Cherukuri, K. Day, H. Estrada, F. Goch, R. Hocken, K. Lawton, E. Morse, M. Uddin, C. Vermillion
- OSDS: T. Jordan
- GUESTS: Y. Baez, J. Brien, D. Causey, C. Hamaker, M. Herman, P. Hoon, J. Fernald, J. Miller, K. Weaver

Documented attendance: 72 total.

1. Welcome

CEFO president Ari Mukherjee called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Past Minutes (Ari Mukherjee)

A motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2013 CEFO meeting was seconded and passed. Past minutes are kept on the CEFO website at <http://www.coe.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/coe-faculty-organization.html>

3. Recognition of Faculty and Staff (Department Chairs)

Civil and Environmental Engineering:

Milind Khire (Professor)

Regina Guyer (IDEAS)

Engineering Technology:

Wesley Maxwell (Academic Lab Manager)

EPIC:

David Causey (Assistant Director)

Joyce Palmer (Staff)

Rudy Shankar (Assistant Director)

Mosaic

Matthew Cantrell

Isaac Irvin

Deans Office

Cricket Bonnetaud (Director of Transitional Advising)

4. Office of Disability Services (Jo Ann Fernald)

- Jo Ann Fernald presented on the operations of the Office of Disability Services (ODS).
- ODS students must meet the same academic requirements as all students
- She encouraged the faculty to engage the ODS counselors they are there to help the faculty and students acquire the necessary accommodations
- ODS offers testing accommodations and recently opened a new testing facility
- Academic integrity violations are referred back to the faculty with accompanying video evidence
- ODS also has a screen reader at their testing center

5. Open Access Journals (Peggy Hoon)

- Peggy Hoon presented the merits of open access journals and their need due to the rising cost of conventional journals. Her presentation in its entirety can be view here:
<https://engr.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/cefo-faculty-organization/cefo-information-items>

6. Discussion of CEFO Bylaws (Tom Nicholas)

- Peter Schmidt raised some concerns with the proposed bylaws (his presentation can be found here: <https://engr.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/cefo-faculty-organization/cefo-information-items>). A motion, to table the discussion on the objections, was made and passed.

7. College report (Dean Robert Johnson)

- A review of space usage in the College will be performed by a consultant. The goal is to maximize space use throughout the College.
- ABET was on campus in February for accreditation of the Construction Management program. The visit was a success.
- CAC is currently discussing facility remodeling needs in the College. Focus is on finishing the renovation in Smith.
- The Chrome Book Project is being considered. Students will not have to carry laptops and it will assist in maximizing facility usage.
- Search is being conducted for the part-time Alumni Affairs Coordinator.
- The College will seek to become more engaged in the Capital Campaign as it related to Alumni. Currently, there are over 12,000 graduates from COE and 8,000 work in North Carolina.
- The Dean recognized three colleagues for passing the professional engineering exam

- Aixi Zhou
- Christina Caldwell
- James Saunders

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.