

**College of Engineering  
North Dakota State University  
Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting**

**Monday, November 06, 2017, 12:00 – 1:00 PM, Dolve 215**

**Attending:**

**ABEN:** Shafiqur Rahman, Dean Steele, Xinhua Jia

**CEE:** Eakalak Khan, Dinesh Katti, Ying Huang, Ravi K. Yellavajjala, Sivapalan Gajan, Zhibin Lin, Michael Chu, Kalpana Katti

**CME:** Eric Asa, Yao Yu

**ECE:** Michael Maassel, Ben Braaten, Debasis Dawn, Rajesh Kavasseri, David Rogers, Ivan T. Lima

**IME:** Om Yadav, K. Val Marinov, Nita Yodo, Bashir Khoda, Chrysafis Vogiatzis

**ME:** Alan Kallmeyer, Majura Selekwa, Chad Ulven, Xinnan Wang, Ghodrat Karami, Xinnan Wang, Yan Zhang

**CoE Dean:** Michael Kessler

**Associate Dean:** Scott W. Pryor

**Invited Librarian:** Steve Jeffrey

**0. Lunch:** Cookies were served since we were prohibited to serve pizza.

**1. Call to Order (12:04):** The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:**

Dr. Pieri moved that the minutes be approved. It was seconded by Dr. Karami. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

**3. Recognition of Scholarship:**

| <b>NDSU CoE Faculty</b>                                                            | <b>Funding Organization</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Scott Pryor, PI                                                                    | US DoE                      | \$107,541     |
| Bingcan Chen (Plant Science), PI<br>Dennis Wiesenborn, Co-PI<br>Ben Braaten, Co-PI | John Deere                  | \$127,744     |
| Mijia Yang, PI<br>Zhibin Lin, Co-PI                                                | ND DoT                      | \$35,618      |

**4. Recognitions: Award**

John Nowatzki received the ND Governor's Award of Excellence in Public Services

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**Report from the University Senate/Senate Executive Committee:**

None.

**5. College and University Committee Reports/Announcement/Vote:**

**5.1. Academic Affairs Committee – Dean Steele:**

Dr. Steele brought concerns of members of the Academic Affairs Committee to the council. Some members felt that voting should be done in secret. It was apparent that some departments in the college practice secret voting. After a lengthy discussion of the matter the meeting came to the conclusion that a representative is the voice of the department on the committee and should therefore express the views of the department and vote in accordance with the department's wishes. A representative is not on his own.

The council was also informed of challenges regarding the submission of documents in support of the MS in mechanical engineering program. Dr. Kallmeyer had to re-submit the entire document.

Dr. Steele kindly requested the faculty to take note of the following message: *"The activities of the CoE Academic Affairs committee are periodically posted on Blackboard. Go to the "Organizations" tab, then the "College of Engineering Faculty Council." On the left panel, select "Committee Area," then "Academic Affairs Committee," then "Proposals for 2017-2018.""*

**5.2. PTE Committee – Val Marinov:**

Dr. Marinov informed the council that nine dossiers are under review by the PT&E committee. The letters are to be completed by December 03.

**5.3. Research and Graduate Committee: Distinguished Lecture Program:**

The distinguished lecture was given by Dr. E. A. Elsayed on November 13.

**6. Election of Senators – 2 open positions:**

There were two openings for senators from the college. The meeting was asked to vote for any two of the following candidates were:

1. Dilpreet Bajwa
2. Debasis Dawn
3. Dinesh Katti
4. Yildirim Bora Suzen

**7. Announcements by Dean:**

Dean Kessler announced the appointment of Dr. Scott W. Pryor as the Associate Dean. He also mentioned that there are 2,600 undergraduate students in the college and this number represents 20 more students than the previous year. He went on to inform the

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meeting of the creation of two new faculty searches/positions - one is in the area of sensors for detecting cancer and the other is in biology and mechanics (biomechanics).

Dr. Pryor thanked the dean and college as well made a few comments about his new position.

**8. Other Announcements:**

Mr Jeffrey, the Engineering Librarian, informed the meeting of the re-introduction of Scopus electronic database.

**9. Other Business:**

None

**10. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.