

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

Wednesday, May 02, 2018, 12:00 – 1:00 PM, Dolve 118

Attending:

ME: Alan Kallmeyer, Long Jiang, Ghodrat Karami, Yechun Wang, Chad Ulven, Yildirim Suzen, Ali Amiri;

CEE: Dinesh Katti, Zhibin Lin, Kalpana Katti, Achintya Bezbaruah, X (Michael) Chu, Ravi K. Yellavajjala, Ying Huang;

ABEN: All were absent;

ECE: Jacob Glower, Danling Wang, Qifeng Zhang, Ivan T. Lima;

CME: Todd Sirotiak, Gary Smith, Jerry Gao, Eric Asa;

IME: Nita Yodo, Om Yadav, Bashir Khoda, Yiwen Xu;

Dean of CoE: Michael Kessler

Assoc Dean of CoE: Scott Pryor

Engineering Librarian: Steve Jeffrey

CoE Director of Communications and Marketing: Kyle Bosch

Lunch: Cookies and coffee were served.

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

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Dr. Om Yadav moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Dr. Alan Kallmeyer. The meeting unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

3. Scholarships and Achievements

The following faculty were either promoted or tenured and promoted:

NDSU CoE Faculty	Tenure and Promotion
Ying Huang	Associate Professor
Debases Dawn	Associate Professor
Zhulu Lin	Associate Professor
Dilpreet Bajwa	Professor
NDSU CoE Faculty	Promotion
Michael Chu	Professor
Rajesh Kavasseri	Professor
Scott Pryor	Professor

Research grants and other pertinent matters on the college faculty have been duly covered by the College Happenings newsletter.

4. Reports from the University Senate Executive Committee and Senate

Dr. D. Katti informed the meeting that the Senate discussed the use of dangerous weapons on campus and the President hinted them about a proposed retrenchment directive (10% budget cut and 5% reduction in personnel) by the Governor's office. The President reiterated that nothing is not yet set in stone.

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5. College and University Committee Reports/Announcements

According to Dr. Bashir Khoda, the Academic Affairs Committee of the College met discussed teacher of the year candidates and approved ME 415 (Emerging Technologies in Mechanical Engineering). They had two nominees for the junior teacher of the award but none for the senior award.

The College Research Committee was still looking for nominations for the distinguished lecture series.

Dr. G. Karami informed the meeting that the candidate for the chair position in Civil Engineering has been unanimously approved for full professorship by the PT&E Committee.

Dr. Jerry Gao (Technology Fee Committee) indicated that the tech fee account had a positive balance this year and we need to send them our needs to ensure the entire allocation of funds is used up in the coming years. Part of the funds from that account will be used to update the university's computer cluster in the basement of the library. He also informed us that "Safe Assign" in Blackboard does not work and other plagiarism software, for example "Turnitin".

We were informed that the University External Budget Committee was looking for ways to better integrate business matters/decisions between the Provost and Finance Office.

6. Elections

Elections for the openings on various committees in the college and university could not be held due to lack of a quorum. There was not a single representative from Ag. and Bio. Systems. Dr. Bezbaruah nominated Dr. Kavasseri to serve on the Faculty Rights Committee of the university.

7. Announcements by the Dean

7.1. Dean Michael Kessler: Dean Kessler informed the meeting of the following:-

New Engineering Building Feasibility Study:- The results of the feasibility study are in and the College has been advised that there was not sufficient transformational or leadership (7 or 8 figure) gifts in support of the building venture. Each of the 30 people interviewed would give to some extent but none was prepared to make a gift of a million or more dollars. President Bresciani and Provost Ingram were present when the report was presented. The dean indicated that pulling down the symbolic College Administration building as part of the project did not sit well with many of the interviewees. Even though the effort did not succeed, he is not ready to throw in the towel.

Advisory and Advancement Board:- Dean Kessler indicated that the newly minted board was to meet in the first week of May and he would share the feasibility study report with them.

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Department Chair Searches:- Dr. Ben Braaten has accepted the permanent chair position in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Other chair searches are at various stages of advancement.

7.2 Assoc Dean Scott Pryor

ABET Report:- Assoc Dean Pryor expressed the belief that everyone is aware and involved in the ABET accreditation processes going on their respective departments.

Advising of Undergraduate Students:- The Provost is concerned about advisor holds on student from the college and so we need to lift the holds. The Provost's office intends to lift all active holds on May 06. We are to pay attention to second and third tier students in our baccalaureate programs.

Student Success Collaborative:- There are 1600 students using SSC in the college. Every faculty member is expected to set up availability for the entire semester and not just for a few weeks or months.

8. Other Announcements.

There would a graduation reception/Order of the Engineer ceremony in Room 112 in the Stem Building which would be followed by a celebration in Memorial Union.

Winners of the teaching and research awards are to be announced on October 04.

9. Other business

None.

10. Adjournment (1:00 PM).

Dr. D. Katti moved for the adjournment of the meeting and its was brought to a close at 12:45 pm.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming meetings of the CoE Faculty Council.

(11:30 am to 12:30 PM in Dolve 118)

Tuesday, October 23, 2018