

College of Engineering

North Dakota State University

Faculty Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 13th, 2019, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, CME Auditorium

Attending:

CoE: Michael Kessler, Scott Pryor, Steve Jeffery

ABEN: Halis Simsek, Dean Steele

CEE: Beena Ajmera, Xuefeng (Michael) Chu, Ying Huang, Wei Lin, Kelly Rusch, Amiy Varma, Wenjie Xia

CS: Anne Denton

CME: Abdulaziz Banawi, Huojun Yang

ECE: Jacob Glower, David Rogers

IME: Trung (Tim) Le, Om Prakash Yadav

ME: Jordi Estevandordal, Robert Pieri, Jessica Vold

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 3:08pm.

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion to approve the October 2019 minute (Denton / Yang). Motion approved

3. Old Business:

Bylaw Revision: Delayed due to lack of quorum.

4. Committee Announcements and Reports

CoE Academic Affairs (Varma): The following are being reviewed and/or were approved by the CoE Academic Affairs Committee

- ENGR 772 Academic Writing in the Engineering Disciplines
- Minor in Military Science
- BS in Cybersecurity
- Program Change Biomedical Engineering
- Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity
- ENVE 111 Introduction to Environmental
- ENVE 211 Analysis and Design Methods for Environmental Engineers (1 credit)

Research and Graduate (Yang): Some of the upcoming deadlines are:

- March 15, 2020: Recommendations are due for the Fall 2020 Distinguished Lecturer
- April 13, 2020: CoE Researcher of the Year nominations are due

Recommendations for faculty are to come from department chairs. Recommendations for graduate students can come from faculty as well.

CoE PT&E Committee (Denton):

- Seven portfolios are being reviewed.
- The results of these reviews will be sent to candidates on December 5th.
- Candidates then have 14 calendar days to respond.
- Packets will then be sent to the Provost on 19 Dec.

Faculty Senate (Pieri):

- Summary of Exec Meeting, 4 Nov. A letter from the Faculty Senate was sent to the President of NDSU requesting more faculty input into the budget process. This letter was shared with the CoE faculty at the meeting.
- The Provost will be setting up a committee to provide input on how to balance NDSU's budget while minimizing the impact on our students and faculty while maintaining the quality of our programs.
- Faculty Senate meetings are open: everyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to address the Senate and are not a Senator, please contact Dr. Pieri to discuss having a Senator recognize you and yield the floor during a meeting.

5. Announcements: (Kessler)

Earlier in the summer, the Provost asked all of the deans to put together a 90% budget as an exercise. CoE was able to meet this without eliminating any existing positions. The resulting 10% cut is more than we need to balance the budget - meaning that not all of the cuts that were in the 90% budget will be needed. Instead, we will be able to prioritize these cuts with the goal of minimizing the impact they have on our students, our faculty, and our programs.

At present, the Provost is putting together a committee to look at the 90% budgets and provide input on these cuts and their impact.

These cuts do not impact current faculty searchers in CoE: all five are still on-going.

3. Old Business (take 2): Lin

Bylaw Changes: The CoE Executive Committee has made several suggestions for changes to Part I to V of the CoE Bylaws. Most of these changes are cosmetic or reflect changes in the college due to the addition of Computer Science to the college.

Comments and suggestions were solicited from the faculty.

An electronic vote asking for approval of the revised bylaws will be sent to all CoE faculty via email after this meeting.

6. New Business

none

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51pm

Respectfully Submitted:

November 14, 2019

Jacob Glower, Secretary