

College of Engineering
North Dakota State University
Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, December 8th, 2023, 2pm – 3pm
CME Auditorium

Attending:

CoE: Scott Pryor

ABEN: Leon Schimacker, Clarimont, Clementson,. Sulaymon Eshkabilov, Xiaoyu (Iris) Feng, Xinhua Jia, Zhulu Lin

CCEE: Achintya Bezbaruah, Eric Asa, Xuefeng (Michael) Chu, Zhili (Jerry) Gao, Dinish Katti, Kalpana Katti, Chau Le,m, Trug Le, Yao Yu

CS: Anne Denton

ECE: Sumitha George

IME: Harun Pirim, Mojahid Osman

ME: Adam Gladen, Long Jiang, William Refling, Yildirim Bora Suzen, Xinnan Wang, Yechun Wang, Xingfa Wu

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 2:05pm

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Quorum not met so approval of minutes was postponed until the next meeting

3. Committee Announcements/Reports

Executive: No Report

Promotion and Tenure: (Glower) The CoE PT&E Committee has received portfolios from three faculty going up for promotion and tenure in CoE. Our recommendations will be sent to the Provost shortly.

Senate 352 Committee: (Glower) The State Board of Higher Education has mandated that all institutions in the NDUS system, including NDSU, must have a post-tenure review policy in place by May 2024. If NDSU does not have such a policy by then, the State Board may impose a policy on us. Post-tenure review policies define how tenured faculty are evaluated as well as procedures for terminating tenured faculty. The Senate 352 Committee is currently reviewing post-tenure review policies from other universities with plans for proposing a policy to the University Faculty Senate in early spring of 2024. Our goal is to propose a policy which both respects tenure as well as providing a reasonable form of due process for both the university and for tenured faculty.

Academic Affairs: (Jia) The CoE Academic Affairs Committee has been meeting every week, but we are still falling behind. We will be meeting over the semester break in order to have course proposals reviewed and hopefully approved by the start of spring semester.

Research and Graduate: No report

Faculty Senate (Gao): Last week, the Senate Executive charged the ad-hoc committee for reviewing policy 352 to establish guidelines for post-tenure review. This is a response from pressure from both the state legislature as well as the State Board.

4. Announcements

(Pryor): Admitted students for CoE for next year, CoE is down around 4%. We are up 12% in North Dakota – yields from North Dakota are higher than Minnesota, so that is good. We are down around 9% in Minnesota. That means for us, as always, our most impactful part of the application process is getting people to say yes for those who have been admitted. The best way we can do that is through our daily visits: we have a much higher yield for students who have visited us. We need to do our best job when families come to campus to visit.

Advising at NDSU is switching from Navigate to Civitos, with the switch happening on December 18th. Relating this to advising, there is an expectation at the college level that all of our advisors are using Civitos and have availability within that system so that students can schedule meetings throughout the semester.

Budget: Nothing new. CoE was asked to cut \$2.6M. Half of that has been covered by open lines. There is still \$1.3M left to cover – we are hopeful that this cut won't take place until next year.

New Building: Thank you to everyone who attended the kick-off celebration at the Alumni Center. We have raised over \$15M of the \$30M needed, so the progress is good. Faculty and staff in CoE have been meeting with the architects and making good progress on refining the design for the complex. More updates will come in the spring CoE faculty meeting.

Graduate Waiver Policy: All of the colleges at NDSU are figuring out how to handle graduate tuition waivers with the new budgeting model. Each college has submitted plans which were similar but not identical. The differences worried NDSU Finance, so each dean is tweaking their policies to make them more similar college to college.

Tuition Remission Policy: This policy is in effect, meaning any new grant proposals need to include graduate tuition as specified in that policy.

5. Discussions & Q&A

Faculty & Scott Pryor discussed the new building

- Our current students may not see the inside of this building. However, incoming freshmen should see it during their 4th year.
- Emphasizing the importance of engineering to the State of North Dakota may help with the fund raising. Engineering's importance played a significant role in getting the funds through the State Legislature as well as donations from companies.
- "The Center for Engineering and Computational Sciences" is the name of the complex at present.
- The current time line is complete fundraising by December 2024. Ground breaking would happen in Spring 2025. Move-in during Summer 2027.

- Graduating is coming up – please attend if possible. It means a lot to our students to see their professors at graduation.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jake Glower

12/9/23