

College of Engineering
North Dakota State University
Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 3rd, 2025, 3-4pm, Dolve 118

Attending:

CoE: Alan Kallmeyer, Scott Pryor

ABEN: Leon Schimacher, Zhulu Lin

CCEE: Zhihui Ding, Dinish Katti, Trung Le

CS: Anne Denton, Ajay Jha, Simone Ludwig

ECE: Sumitha George, Jacob Glower

IME:

ME: Fardad Azarmi, Jordi Estevadeordal, Adam Gladen, Long Jiang, Ghodrat Karami, William Reffling, Majura Selekwa, Bora Suzen, Xiangfa Wu, Yan Zhang

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 3:02pm

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Approval tabled until April meeting

3. Announcements

(Jolie Graybill, Dean Libraries, Jenny Sjoquist, Director Info Serv & System) Dean Graybill and Director Sjoquist discussed with ECE faculty access to some of the major journal publishers used in engineering. NDSU has access to many journals through their *freedom collection*. This gives year-by-year access to 2700 journal titles. If a faculty member needs access to a journal article outside of this list, inter-library loan can get these articles in a few hours to a few days.

Director Sjoquist noted that the Elsevier Journals cost \$600,000 per year. Due to budget constraints, we're looking at dropping access to the journals that are rarely used while keeping the heavily used journals.

Some faculty voiced concerns that this delay can cause problems for faculty when writing grant proposals. Dr. Katti noted that researchers are now publishing good research in a wider variety of journals than they did in the past. This makes it important for faculty to have access to a wide variety of journals when writing papers and grant proposals. Other faculty noted that when a journal article is found using *google scholar*, faculty have to manually input the citation information into the inter-library request form. It would be nice if this information could be populated automatically.

Dean Graybill requested that, if there are journals which we regularly used in CoE, please let her know which ones these are.

In addition, Director Sjoquist will look into ways to transfer information directly into the inter-library loan request forms.

(Kallmeyer): Good news related to enrollments: Sp25 enrollment is up relative to Sp24. In CoE, enrollment is up almost 6%. This 6% is made up of 91 undergraduate students and 37 graduate students (128 total). This can also be split as 68 in-person students and 60 online students. SCH production is also up 4.2% in Fa24 relative to Fa23. These are all positive numbers which should help with next year's budget.

In other news, Dr. Cook has been out to Bismark to advocate for NDSU with the state legislature and I (Dr. Kallmeyer) have been out advocating for the college of engineering. The budget for higher-ed started in the Senate. After crossover – which is where we are now – it then goes the House. The base budget that came out of the Senate looks good for NDSU. One of the initiatives NDSU is supporting is the *New Horizons* initiative, which includes *Student Success*. Two other initiatives focused on engineering and agriculture along with health and sciences. A total of \$35 million was requested. The Senate put \$12 million into these initiatives. While this is less than requested, it's still \$12 million more than we have right now.

Once the final numbers are known, we'll know more about what programs we can add which can help our workforce needs in the state.

4. Committee Announcements/Reports

Due to running late, committee reports were postponed until April. As a reminder from the February CoE Faculty meeting:

Executive: CoE meeting dates for next semester have been set:

- Monday, Feb 3, 3-4pm
- Monday, Mar 3, 3-4pm
- Monday, Apr 7, 3-4pm
- Monday May 5, 3-4pm

R&G: The deadlines for nominations are:

- Excellence in Research Award: 5pm, April 11th
- Early Career Research Award: 5pm, April 11th
- Graduate Research Award: 5pm, March 28th

Nominations should be sent to Sumitha George (chair of CoE R&G committee)

AA: Nominations for teaching awards are

- Excellence in Teaching: 5pm, April 11th
- Early Career Teaching: 5pm, April 11th
- Graduate Teaching: 5pm, March 28th

Nominations for teaching awards should go to Yan Zhang (chair of CoE AA committee).

5. Old Business

none

6. New Business

Elections for opening positions in CoE for the Fa25/Sp26 academic year will take place in April:

- CoE Senators (x2) (3y/3y)
- Academic Integrity (2y/8y) Kenneth Magel
- Campus Space and Facility (-/-) Xinhua Jia
- Conflict of Interest (2y/4y) Yao Yu
- Faculty Affairs (2y/4y) Jordi Estevadeoradal
- General Education (3y/-) Le Chau
- Research & Consulting (2y/8y) Fardad Azarmi
- Tech & Instuct Serv (2y/8y) Jacob Glower
- Univ Assessment (-/-) Trung Lee
- CoE Secretary (2y/2y) Jacob Glower
- CoE Presiding Officer (2y/2y) Trung Le

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm

Respectfully submitted, 3/4/25

Jake Glower