



**College of Engineering and Computing
Faculty Council Meeting
October 13, 2016**

Committee in attendance:

Armando Barreto (ECE), Gang Quan (ECE), Yiding Cao (MME), Shu-Ching Chen (SCIS), Nipesh Pradhananga (SC), David Garber (CEE), Walter Tang (CEE), Jessica Ramella (BME), Ronald Baier (SC), Deng Pan (SCIS)

Absent: Chenzhong Li (BME) - excused, Cheng-Xian Lin (MME)

- The meeting was called to order at 3:33 PM
- To provide more opportunities for faculty to serve the college and to improve faculty governance on undergraduate and graduate education at the College, it is proposed to form three committees, namely, undergraduate, graduate, and budget committee. Specific charges will be commissioned to the committees to improve the quality of admitted students, raise the ranking of the college and university, and increase transparency of college operation. For example, undergraduate committee should find more ways for tutoring programs. The graduate committee should propose viable solution of service courses at the college. A budget committee should allow faculties have an opportunity to express their opinion on how the college budget is allocated and spent. The committees should: 1) include at least one member from the Faculty Council in each committee; 2) focus on metrics such as increasing retention rate and requiring publications for PhD student; and 3) bridge between Faculty Senate's decisions and the college administrations. The item is tabled to the next meeting.
- Dr. Chen made a strong case on changing the name of the university. Currently, the university name has impacted enrollment and the ranking of FIU. The Faculty Council should pass a motion to propose changing FIU's name so that it reflects that (i) FIU is a part of the state university system (State University System of Florida) and (ii) FIU geographic location is Miami. Dr. Chen expressed his willingness to initiate discussion at the university level. What is the best name of the University will be further discussed at departmental levels and in future Faculty Council meetings after representative get the feedback from their faculty.

- Dr. Tang recommended the successful strategies in increasing program ranking at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. For example, invited seminars may serve a good platform to publicize each departments of our college to increase FIU's exposure in the academic community and promote FIU's ranking. Dr. Tang recommended Dr. Chenzhong Li to take charge of such an initiative because Dr. Li's passionate on raising FIU ranking. An Ad Hoc committee may be a good approach to find effective strategies college wide.
- The meeting discussed on conducting a survey to evaluate administrators' (chairs and dean) performance through the Faculty Council. Discussions were done on if such a task is under Faculty Council's scope and how college survey be different from Provost's survey. Several representatives expressed their desire to get feedback from their faculty. As a result, the issue is tabled.
- The meeting also agreed on reviewing and ratifying the constitution and bylaws of the Faculty Council in the next meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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