



**College of Engineering and Computing
Faculty Council Meeting
January 12, 2017**

Committee in attendance:

Jessica Ramella (BME), Chenzhong Li (BME), David Garber (CEE), Yiding Cao (MME), Cheng-Xian Lin (MME), Ronald Baier (SC), Nipesh Pradhananga (SC), Shu-Ching Chen (SCIS), Deng Pan (SCIS)

Absent: Armando Barreto (ECE - excused), Gang Quan (ECE - excused), Walter Tang (CEE - excused)

Guest: Ms. Stephanie Strange, Mr. Andrew Green and Mr. Adam Reeder

- The meeting was called to order at 3:33 PM by Dr. Chen.
- The current meeting agenda was approved upon motion by Dr. Garber and seconded by Dr. Chen.
- The Faculty Council invited Ms. Stephanie Strange, Mr. Andrew Green and Mr. Adam Reeder to the meeting for strategic planning to recruit high school students to FIU. Ms. Strange, Mr. Green and Mr. Reeder reported that:
 - FIU has been actively reaching out to school through “Engineers on Wheels” and usually student associations are involved in the activities.
 - “Engineering Expo” is a big event that FIU hosts every year. It is scheduled to be held on February 24 this year. Around 1,500 students attend it every year.
 - There are some activities that involve high school students in PhD students’ research (an example is Dr. Arif Sarwat’s Energy Club), which can be an effective way to recruit talented students.
 - The “Engineers on Wheels” van is being updated and faculties can utilize it for their outreach activities. FIU students can reach out to high school students and FIU faculties can reach out to the advisors at high schools through the same event.
 - The major reasons behind limited involvement of faculties in outreach activities are scheduling and time conflicts.
 - FIU is in process of deploying new methods of digital marketing.
 - FIU has two priorities to: 1) recruit high quality students, and 2) provide opportunities to those who do not have access.

- The meeting identified that FIU and CEC's effort can be improved for high quality student recruitment and the faculties' involvement might help in recruitment. Faculties will be encouraged to participate if the time spent is accounted for.
- Dr. Li made the motion that the Faculty Council will communicate with the Dean's Office to create a team to prepare plan for recruiting high quality high school students by developing recruitment material, allocating necessary budget and making appropriate provisions for crediting faculties for their service in recruitment activities. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pradhananga and agreed by all in the meeting.
- The meeting had very productive discussion on the effect of FIU's name on its ranking and necessities and challenges pertaining to the process of changing the name of FIU. The meeting concluded that information and evidences on the effects and benefits of such name change need to be accumulated and made available for everyone to read and discuss. The meeting also acknowledged that having a petition in place can help in attracting internal support towards the name change. Dr. Chen reported that he had spoken to almost all the Faculty Council Chairs of different colleges within the university regarding the matter and is willing to lead the effort.
- Regarding the university and college ranking, Dr. Li informed that there are multiple ranking agencies and they use different metrics for their respective rankings. The meeting agreed upon the need to identify how the agencies acquire the data pertaining to FIU. Dr. Li made a motion that the Faculty Council need to figure out what data is being collected by which agencies and who supplies the data on behalf of FIU and CEC. Dr. Lin seconded on the motion and it was agreed by everyone in the meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM.

Prepared by: Nipesh Pradhananga

Reviewed by: Shu-Ching Chen and Walter Tang