



**College of Engineering and Computing
Faculty Council Meeting
March 09, 2017**

Committee in attendance:

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

Absent: Chenzhong Li (BME - excused)

Guest: Dr. Ranu Jung (Interim Dean, College of Engineering and Computing)

- The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM by Dr. Chen
- The Minutes of the February 16, 2016 Faculty Meeting were approved upon motion of Dr. Chen and seconded by Dr. Pradhananga. The current meeting agenda was approved upon motion by Dr. Chen and seconded by Dr. Pradhananga.
- Dean's report
 - *New Budget Model:* A new budget model is being developed with three pools: 1) revenue from tuition; 2) incremental performance funds; and 3) special pools. The new budget model can be expected next year (17/18).
 - *Academic Spaces at EC:* New advising space has been inaugurated and active learning classrooms are expected to be completed by the end of the summer. Space next to the Panther Pit is being developed for tutoring, library and summer camp activities. EC 2300 will be upgraded and will not be available during the entire summer. Group working spaces for students will be developed in future.
 - *Hiring:* Computer Science and Engineering Management are moving forward with one new position each. Applicant pool has been certified for a position in the field of Materials Engineering.
 - *ComPASS:* Action items for ComPASS 3 are complete while 1 and 2 are ongoing.
 - *Student Engagement and Empowerment:* Faculty Council can help in encouraging and empowering students by recruiting and working with students at FIU. Student society mentors can help students prepare for internships and encourage them to pursue higher education. Building students' self-confidence is also equally important so that they thrive to succeed in their professional life. Alums are important role model for current students.
 - *Commencement:* The Dean invited all the faculty members to participate in the commencement ceremony to be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017.

- *Instructor's Evaluations:* Currently, student evaluation is conducted at the end of the course. Evaluation after one third of a semester could help the instructors implement any corrective actions during the semester.
- A comment was received regarding consistency of language and definition of the term “administrators” in College’s T&P guidelines amendment. Dr. Chen made the motion to adopt the language used by the United Faculty of Florida (UFF) for “Position Classification in the Bargaining Unit”. The motion was seconded by Dr. Garber and passed unanimously by the members.
- The members of the council discussed about the comments received from faculty members on the Dean’s and Chairs/Directors’ Evaluations. Dr. Chen made a motion to pass the questionnaire after the comments have been addressed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Quan and was passed unanimously by all the members.
- The members discussed the status of Budget Committee and unanimously agreed to work with the Budget Committee members in the coming year (17/18).
- The members agreed to review the documents sent to them pertaining to college ranking and discuss them in the next meeting. The members also agreed to discuss strategies to improve the college ranking and merit-based salary in their departmental meeting and report feedback in the next Faculty Council Meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.

Prepared by: Nipesh Pradhananga

Reviewed by: Shu-Ching Chen and Walter Tang