



**College of Engineering and Computing  
Faculty Council Meeting  
January 11, 2018**

**Committee in attendance:**

Jessica Ramella-Roman (BME), Walter Z. Tang (CEE), Albert Gan (CEE), Ahmed Ibrahim (ECE), Jiuhua Chen (MME), Yiding Cao (MME), Jose A. Faria (Moss SCIS), Nipesh Pradhananga (Moss SCIS), Shu-Ching Chen (SCIS)

**Absent:** Jacob McPherson (BME - excused), Bogdan Carbunar (SCIS - excused), Shubhendu Bhardwaj (ECE)

**Guest:** Dr. John Volakis (Dean, College of Engineering and Computing)

- The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM by Dr. Tang
- The Minutes of the December 07, 2017 Faculty Meeting were approved upon motion of Dr. Ramella-Roman and seconded by Dr. Jiuhua Chen; the current meeting agenda was approved upon motion by Dr. Jiuhua Chen and seconded by Dr. Ramella-Roman.
- Dean's brief
  - *Vision:* The vision for the future of the college is being finalized. Metrics are being developed to get the college to top 100. Research activities and research assistantships will be promoted. The target is to achieve preeminence in 2 years. Internal money will not be saved but rather spent to achieve bigger goals. College is going through an exciting, but challenging time, in terms of resources.
  - *Hiring:* Record high number of new faculty members will be hired. Candidates with significant research success will get priority. Cluster hires will be made.
  - *College reorganization:* Everyone is invited to attend the college reorganization meeting on January 18. Faculty members will not be affected by the reorganization. It will boost departmental operations by leveraging available resources spread across different departments. Engineering Education department will go forward.
  - *Improvements:* College website will be revitalized. Student working spaces will be built in the first floor of EC building. Other works are in progress based on complaints collected from the students.

- The meeting had a productive discussion on the CEC College Policies and unanimously agreed to finalize the policy drafts by next meeting. The drafts will have additions or edits in italics to differentiate them from the old policies.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Prepared by: Nipesh Pradhananga

Reviewed by: Walter Tang and Jessica Ramella-Roman