



**College of Engineering and Computing  
Faculty Council Meeting  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Committee members in attendance:** Walter Z. Tang (CEE), Sharan Ramaswamy (BME), Albert Gan (CEE), Ahmed Ibrahim (ECE), Jason Liu (SCIS), Ibrahim Tansel (MME),

**Additional attendees:** Mohamed Elzomor (Moss SCIS)

**Absent:** Xuan Lv (Moss SCIS), Jiuhua Chen (MME), Lu Zhang (Moss SCIS), Shubhendu Bhardwaj (ECE), Bogdan Carbutar (SCIS)

- The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Dr. Tang.
- Motion to approve the meeting's agenda was approved.
- Motion to approve January's minutes was approved.
  
- Dean's update (Dr. Anthony McGoron):
  - Increasing PhD student production is critical
  - Making sure that **all** dissertation committee members take responsibility for the quality of a student's work; not just the major professor
  
- Dean's update (Dr. John Volakis):
  - Provost's office eager to finish the reorganization
    - Idea is to improve services and growth potential of college
      - Discussion about whether the new service model will actually improve efficiency for faculty
    - Dean did not disclose the timeline for reorganization
  - Dean indicated that top-down pressure is driving many facets of reorganization; if we do not comply, could be repercussions at college level
  - Student success not improving fast enough, especially 4-year graduation rate
  - New engineering building a top priority in college and university-wide
  - Initiatives to get more courses in summer, but no plan to use TT/tenured faculty to teach them
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- FC Chair's briefing (Dr. Walter Z. Tang):
  - It is essential that FIU keeps "global" in the University vision and mission statement and serve as the compass for the strategy plan

- Thanks to Dr. Gan for successfully lobbying Dean to increase faculty awards to \$1000/each
  - Can curriculum committee evaluate and streamline pre-requisite course-related issues to assist with 4-year graduation rate?
  - Can we establish an industrial advisory board for College with a specific mission of planning an industrial park to accelerate the pace of FIU-Start-up, industry sponsored research and development, student employment rate and the alumni giving to FIU?
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

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