Florida International University
College of Engineering and Computing
Faculty Council on Governance (FCG)

Minutes for Meeting on February 9, 2012

Attendees (in alphabetical order): Amaury Caballero (ECE), Shu-Ching Chen (SCIS), Gene Farmer (CM), Anthony Mcgoron (BME), Jason Liu (SCIS), Nezih Pala (ECE), Walter Tang (CEE), Ibrahim Tansel (MME), Nikolaos Tsoukias (BME), Igor Tsukanov (MME), Yimin Zhu (CM).

Guests: Dr. Norman Munroe (Dean's Office).

1. **Introduction and Approval of Meeting Agenda**

   The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tansel. Agenda was approved.

2. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

   The minutes of January 12, 2012 FCG meeting was approved.

3. **Report from Dean's Office (Dr. Munroe)**

   1) *Planning and preparation for University's Diversity Week: the* planning committee met last week and decided on various activities during the week; on March 7, the Dean will be presiding a ceremony to celebrate the diversity week.
   2) *Engineering Expo on Feb 24th.* There will be approximately 1200 students attending the event, which includes lab tours.
   3) *College's Plan to hire 28 Academic advisors:* there will be joint appointments between the colleges and Undergraduate Education. This year, there will be two hires, split among three units: SCIS, ECE, and CEE.
   4) *Faculty Awards:* Nomination deadline is Friday.
   5) *Budget cut:* The 6% budget cut will mostly be offset by the tuition increase; there will be minimum impact to the college activities; in particular, it will not impact on the projected hiring this year.
   6) *7 year review:* All department chairs are tasked to come up with the criteria, which will be agreed upon by the end of this semester.

4. **Discussion of Important FCG Issues:**

   1) *Report from College Technology Committee:* EIC will invite faculty's input on issues, including software installation on computers, software licenses (particularly for those with the dual purpose for teaching and research), coordination on the tech fee proposals, and other services. EIC will seek input

on strategies for increasing storage capacity, remote software monitoring and repair, virtual machines, and possible build-out of HPC clusters.

2) *Dr. Gil will present to the Engineering Faculty on 2/29 from 3-4pm, in EC 2300.* FCG will send email to faculty and solicit comments and questions beforehand.

3) *Engineering Expo needs volunteers.*

4) *College report on Unit Constitutions and Bylaws:* FCG members discussed the issues related to the constitution amendments.

5. Discussion of New Faculty Issues

None.

6. New Business, Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

FCG will continue discuss the faculty bill of right.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.