**Florida International University**

**College of Engineering and Computing**

**Faculty Council on Governance (FCG)**

**Meeting Minutes March 10th, 2011**

**Attendees** (in alphabetical order): Amaury Caballero (ECE), Shu-Ching Chen (SCIS), Michael Christie (BME), Gene Farmer (CM), Albert Gan (CEE), Anuradha Godavarty (BME), Raju Rangaswami (SCIS), Walter Tang (CEE), Ibrahim Tansel (MME), Yimin Zhu (CM).

**Guests:** Dean Mirmiran (CEC)

**Agenda Items and Discussion**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Tansel.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Meeting agenda was approved with corrections.

1. **Academic Dishonesty**

Dr. Farmer suggested that process-related language in the new proposal should be modified to follow academic guidelines. He also suggested that the modified guidelines should be sent to the Dean for review.

1. **Voter eligibility for Promotion candidates within departments**

The FCG considered the question: “If there are less than 3 full Professors in the department, who votes on promotion cases?”

To be discussed at the next meeting.

1. **Report from Dean’s Office ( Dean Mirmiran)**

Dean Mirmiran joined the meeting at 4:00 pm. He shared the following updates:

1. Request for summer funding has been approved by Provost (close to $0.5M). Most requests for summer course offerings by individual departments will be honored. The funding comes with a commitment of increasing FTEs by 10-15%. Department Chairs are encouraged to set up summer courses to meet FTE goals.

2. UGS and Provost has agree to increase graduate TA stipends to $23,000, an increase by $2,200.

3. UGS is implementing a tuition waiver incentive. 1 of 3 RA tuitions will be waived. The Dean’s office is working on equitable distribution of the tuition waivers to PIs. Prof. Chen brought up the issue that DoR needs to allow transfers from the tuition line to the stipend line to make this useful. Dean Mirmiran agreed that the UGS would need to communicate this need to DoR.

4. UGS is suggesting best practices for PhD support offers as multi-year offers (4 years).

5. Strategic planning committee will meet after the Spring Break to come up with action items to reach the goals in the strategic plan.

6. The procedure for cluster hires (6 lines) will be discussed with the Chairs to determine the best course of action. There will be college wide advertisements. Each department will be allowed to seek candidates aligned to the areas mentioned in the college-wide advertisements. Dr. Tang advocated “High-Speed Rail” as the strategic direction the cluster hire should address. Dean Mirmiran said that he is open to any proposal that all parties within the College agree upon.

1. **College Awards**

Dr. Hadi announced that the Awards Committee have a tentative procedure for the College Faculty Awards, but are revising based on input from all committee members.

1. **Agenda for next meeting**
2. Discussion of the procedure of faculty awards with the Faculty Award Committee
3. Cluster hiring
4. Discussion of the content and distribution of policy for discouraging Academic Dishonesty
5. How the departmental T&P Committees should vote for the promotion to full professor cases if there are less than 3 full professors at the committee
6. **Reports from Standing Committees**

No reports.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.