**Florida International University**

**College of Engineering and Computing**

**Faculty Council on Governance (FCG)**

**Meeting Minutes October 14th, 2010**

**Attendees** (in alphabetical order): Jean Andrian (ECE), Amaury Caballero (ECE), Shu-Ching Chen (SCIS), Michael Christie (BME), Gene Farmer (CM), 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**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Tansel. Agenda was approved.

1. **Strategic Plan**

Dr. Tansel provided an update on the Strategic Plan (SP) at the University level. It is not clear who will approve the strategic plan.

Dr. Farmer suggested the SP to be ratified by a full faculty vote.

According to the SP, targeted graduate-student to faculty ratio = 0.75 in 10 years.

Dr. Chen expressed concern that this might lead a focus towards graduating students more quickly and thus reduce the quality of our graduate programs. The focus instead should be on graduating quality PhDs.

Dr. Farmer suggested that creating a PhD program in Construction Management might help to close this gap.

Dr. Godavarty questioned the intention behind increasing the ratio. Dr. Tansel responded by saying that the intention is to increase funding levels per faculty.

Dr. Tang suggested that we go back to the departments and discuss feedback and strategies with the faculty and come back with ideas.

1. **Courtesy appointments in BME**

Dr. Godavarty gave an update on the departmental discussion about courtesy appointments. No money would be attached to the appointments. List of thing that courtesy appointments are expected to provide:

* Advisors for senior or masters projects students
* Guest lectures or partially teach
* Serve as Co-PI on grants

Selection process includes reviewing CV, one page statement on how they can contribute to the department, voted by the department, chair writes a letter, Dean reviews and decision made at the University level.

1. **College Awards**

Dr. Tansel proposed various alternatives for the process of selecting award winners.

Dr. Farmer suggested that we should first determine what the award represents before deciding on a process for selecting winners.

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

Dean Mirmiran joined the meeting at 4:30 PM. Summary of his talk is the following:

*College Awards*

Dean Mirmiran recommended the awards be a peer-evaluated award.

*Chair Search Updates and New Faculty Hires*

BME and CEE searches are now successfully concluded. SCIS and ECE are ongoing.

Prof. Shakrat Khizroev has been hired back at FIU.

*Construction on CEC campus*

10,000 sqft. (1.4M$) will be built out. Chairs are requested for supplying needs to be evaluated for the new space.

*NTT and T&P Process*

Dean Mirmiran provided the following update about the non-tenure track review process. It is not in the spirit of the NTT review process to have a college level T&P committee review the files.

Electronic T&P materials are planned starting next Fall.

Provost is requesting that T&P candidate files not focus on bulk but rather core content. This will help the review process significantly.

Dr. Chen suggested that if copies of first page of papers as a requirement is eliminated, that will help to achieve this goal.

*Faculty Lines and Budget*

We have increased our enrollment by 10% which makes us the third largest in the state.

This has substantially increased the student-to-faculty ratio. We will be getting new lines to address this gap in Fall 2011. Two series of lines, one for instructional purposes and the other for strategic investments are being received.

Budgetary concerns for next year seem unfounded given current actions by the administration.

1. **Issues for Next Meeting**

1. Courtesy appointments.

2. Input to the strategic plan.

3. Selection of outstanding faculty (research, service, teaching)

4. Moving the College of Engineering to the main campus

1. **Reports from Standing Committees**

No reports.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.