**Florida International University**

**College of Engineering and Computing**

**Faculty Council on Governance (FCG)**

**Meeting Minutes November 4th, 2010**

**Attendees** (in alphabetical order): Jean Andrian (ECE), Shu-Ching Chen (SCIS), Michael Christie (BME), Gene Farmer (CM), Albert Gan (CEE), Raju Rangaswami (SCIS), Walter Tang (CEE), Ibrahim Tansel (MME), Igor Tsukanov (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**

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

Agenda was modified to include discussion of College T&P issue instead of the BME courtesy appointments. The modified agenda was approved.

1. **Strategic Plan**

Dr. Tansel solicited input from the FCG members.

Dr. Farmer asked what was meant by “sustained growth” in the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Tansel thought it meant continuously increasing the number of students in line with the President’s agenda of adding 2000 students/year.

Dr. Chen thought that this was a step backward and the faculty senate should be the body to carefully consider, evaluate, and provide input for this direction.

Dr. Farmer did not like the “improving the image” which seems to indicate our image is currently bad.

Dr. Farmer did understand what the “engaging quality of life issues” means.

In general, he did not understand what certain goals in the Plan meant or how they would be met.

Dr. Farmer suggested adding a PhD in Construction Management program.

Dr. Farmer moved that in support of Goal # 2 of the Strategic Plan, the addition of new PhD programs should be included as the 8th item.

Dr. Chen seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Tang moved that “the Strategic Planning Committee should create a vision and concrete strategy for international programs.”

Seconded by Dr. Farmer

Motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Tang inquired how successful past efforts in bringing Professors from Latin American Universities to FIU.

Dean Mirmiran that there has not been much success so far due to practical reasons. However, we do have interest in pursuing international faculty development further by offering teaching assistantships to international faculty. It would be perfectly fine to emphasize this in the Strategic Plan.

1. **College Awards**

Dr. Tansel solicited input on the procedure for the awards that was distributed earlier via email.

Dr. Farmer suggested that a separate standing committee should decide on the awards.

Dr. Tansel suggested that a candidate who has won the University award in the last 2 years should not be eligible for the College Award.

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

Dean Mirmiran joined the meeting at 4:35 PM. Summary of his discussion with the FCG is the following:

Our college received the largest technology awards (around 900K).

For the PhD in Construction Management, the Dean encouraged a proposal by the department

Dr. Mirmiran asked the FCG to provide leadership in the following two areas:

* Library expansion and support, fundraising for the library
* Effort to make campus greener, fundraising for more greenery

Grad-student to faculty ratio was intended to be a point of discussion. Currently our ratio is 0.3-0.35. Dean Mirmiran asked FCG to evaluate the feasibility to get to 0.5-0.55 and solicited input from FCG for how we can get there.

In the Spring semester, the Collaborative Open Innovation Lab (COIL) will be inaugurated.

1. **Issues for Next Meeting**

1. College awards decision

2. Ratify the strategic plan.

3. Courtesy appointments

1. **Reports from Standing Committees**

No reports.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.