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

Minutes for Meeting on November 10, 2011

Attendees (in alphabetical order): Shu-Ching Chen (SCIS), Arindam Chowdhury (CEE), Gene Farmer (CM), Jason Liu (SCIS), Anthony McGoron (BME), Walter Tang (CEE), Ibrahim Tansel (MME), Igor Tsukanov (MME), Yimin Zhu (CM).

Guests: Dean Amir Mirmiran, and Aberto Oria (EIC).

1. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

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

2. **College Awards**

   The Dean will present the faculty awards during the College Faculty Assembly and Holiday Reception on Dec 8.

3. **Report from Dean's Office (Dean Mirmiran)**

   1) *Faculty hiring.* The College is expected to hire 33 new faculty members based on the enrollment growth projection. We expect to hire 15 new faculty next year and 6 in each of the subsequent 3 years. To accommodate the growth, the College will add 33,000 square feet space (downstairs of the EC building).
   2) *Cluster hiring.* The College has 6 faculty lines for the cluster hire. The Dean will set up an advisory committee to select the candidates in strategic focus areas from recommendations from the departments' search committees).
   3) *Faculty mentoring.* The College will set up two programs: one based at each department (which pairs faculty within each unit), and one at the college level (paring new faculty with faculty from other unit, which follows the model from the College of Art and Science).
   4) *Diversity in faculty recruiting*. The College encourages recruiting faculty from underrepresented groups, in particular, female, Hispanic and African American, to match our students' demographics.

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

5. **Discussion of Issues:**

   1) *7-Year Review Policy.* Dr. Tansel will send the revised document to the faculty.
   2) *Technology Committee.* Aberto Oria from EIC addressed the counsel on the benefit of having a technology committee to coordinate IT issues in line with the strategic plan, such as selection of educational and research software

licenses. The counsel approved to start the technology committee as an ad hoc committee. Dr. McGoron will be the chair of this committee. The counsel also agreed that, in the future, such committee might become a standing committee if necessary.

3) *Recruiting international students*: The counsel discussed the pros and cons of setting up mechanisms of rewarding faculty and department for recruiting international students.

4) *Courtesy hiring/appointment:* The counsel discussed courtesy hiring and appointment issues.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

No reports.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.