**Florida International University**

**College of Engineering and Computing**

**Faculty Council on Governance (FCOG)**

**FCOG Minutes for Meeting on February 6th, 2014**

**Attendees:** Tao Li (SCIS), Walter Tang (CEE), Sharan Ramaswang (BME), Nagarajan Prabakar (SCIS), Anthony McGoron (BME), Andres Tremante (MME), Gene Farmer (OHL), Jose Faria (OHL), Ibrahim Tansel (MME).

1. **Introduction and Approval of Meeting Agenda and minutes of the last meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tansel, chairman of the FCOG. Minutes of the last meeting and the agenda were approved.

1. **Dean Mirmiran announced the following items at the FCOG meeting**
2. The comments from ABET evaluation are quite positive.
3. There is a change in the University Tenure & Promotion guideline: engagement has been added as an evaluation factor
4. The College of Engineering will not see any budget cut in the coming academic year. This would be critical for the upcoming accreditation process.
5. The faculty members are encouraged to contribute to the 3rd round FIU Faculty & Staff Campaign. The overall participation rate, in addition to the donated dollar amount, will also make a significant impact.

1. **The Committee members also discussed several recent changes in the Tenure & Promotion process.**

1. **The Committee discussed the letter to be sent to the graduate committees of all departments in the college to recommend them to prepare advisory information outlining the expectation from the PhD students for graduation. The members will solicit feedbacks from their home departments and the committee will finalize the letter in the next meeting.**

1. **Progress of revival of the college IT committee:** Dr. McGoron will continue to work with chairmen and faculty for establishment of the committee. He will present the progress in the next meeting.
2. **Progress of work for preparation of strategies to increase graduate student size of the college:** Dr. Walter Tang will join the ad-hoc committee with Drs. McGoron, Hadi and Pala and they will prepare a report on the possible course of actions for the March 6th meeting.
3. **Progress for development of awards for college staff**: The committee agrees that the awards should be cash awards and the number of awards should be proportional to the number of staffs in the college. Dr. Prabakar will update the progress on the March 6th Meeting and the committee wants to finalize the document by the April 3rd Meeting.
4. **Progress for improvement of traffic control:** To be discussed later
5. **Items on next agenda:**
6. Discussion of letter to the Graduate Committee of the departments,
7. Progress of revival of College IT committee
8. Progress of work for preparation of strategies to increase graduate student size and quality
9. Progress for development of awards for college staff
10. Progress for improvement of traffic control

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.