**Florida International University**

**College of Engineering and Computing**

**Faculty Council on Governance (FCOG)**

**FCOG Minutes for Meeting on January 9th, 2014**

**Attendees:** Anthony McGoron (BME), Walter Tang (CEE), Nagarajan Prabakar (SCIS), Ibrahim Tansel (MME), Jose Faria (OHL), Sharan Ramaswang (BME), Mohammed Hadi (CEE), Nezih Pala (ECE).

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. There is university-wide effort  is to increase the number and quality of the graduate students
3. To achieve this goal, it is targeted to reduce the number of years-to-graduate for PhD students from the current 5-6 years to 3-4 years.
4. UGS doubled the DYF allocation to help the departments for this target
5. USNews has ranked FIU Engineering 41 among the best online graduate engineering programs.
6. There will be mock visit in the first week of February for ABET evaluation.
7. This the 2nd year of the faculty merit bonus. Although the faculty does not need to do any paperwork to receive it, they are advised to be aware of how the graduate school determines the bonuses.
8. F&A returns for the faculty will be distributed by the first of week of February.
9. Panther Alumni Week (PAW) is the first week of February. Faculty is encouraged to get in to contact with the Alumni and invite to lectures.
10. To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the College, Miami-Dade county is expected to proclaim the day of February 25th as FIU Engineering Day.
11. For the same occasion, President of the National Academy of Engineers, Dr. Mote will be visit FIU to give a talk in April.
12. There is a scholarship opportunity for the international students from Latin America and Caribbean which would allow them to pay in-state tuition.  Details will be shared.
13. **Improvement of number of graduate students and quality of the program:**

An ad-hoc committee with Drs. McGoron, Hadi, and Pala is formed to prepare a report on the possible course of action to increase the number and quality of the graduate students in the College.  The report is due March 6thmeeting.

1. **Preparation of advisory information for PhD students by the Graduate Committees of the departments:**

The FCG unanimously approved that Drs. McGoron and Hadi will work on a 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.

1. **Revival of the college IT committee:**

The committee unanimously approved that Dr. McGoron will work revival of the college IT committee.

1. **Items on next agenda:**
2. Discussion of letter to the Graduate Committee of the departments,
3. Progress of revival of College IT committee
4. Progress of work for preparation of strategies to increase graduate student size of the College
5. Progress for development of awards for college staff
6. Progress for improvement of traffic control

6. **New Business, Agenda Items**

Ph.D. in construction management

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.