**Florida International University**

**College of Engineering and Computing**

**Faculty Council on Governance (FCG)**

**Minutes for Meeting on November 7th, 2013**

**Attendees:** Anthony McGoron (BME), Gang Quan (ECE), Walter Tang (CEE), Nagarajan Prabakar (SCIS), Ibrahim Tansel (MME), Ali Moustafari (OHL) (represented Dr. Eugene Farmer).

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

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tansel. Agenda and the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

1. **Dean Mirmiran talked with the FCG**

- College’s 30 year anniversary celebration: Dean’s office has been organizing several events. They will need faculty’s help. Particularly, involvement of faculty was requested to prepare the history of the college. The target date of the events is mid-February.

- Panther Alumni week: The dean’s office wants to invite our alumni to talk with students in the classes. 10-15 min presentations are considered.

- December Holiday Party: The party has been scheduled for December 12th.

- Faculty Awards: The dean’s office would like to give cash prize to the winners of faculty awards. Dean Mirmiran asked the FCG’s input. FCG uninomously approved the cash prizes if upper administration allows. The dean’s office will contact to the upper administration for approval to include the cash prize to the awardees. (Later the Dean reported the approval of the $500 cash prizes with an E-Mail)

- Graduate Program growth: The University wants to increase the size of the graduate school at the college. They want to increase the PhD program from 300 to 450 students. The dean’s office wants recommendations to realize the growth.

1. **College’s 30 year anniversary celebration:**

FCG assigned Dr. Anthony McGoron (BME) to work with faculty and the Dean’s office to organize the events and preparation of the history of the college. Dr. McGoron will establish his own committee if he needs help.

1. **Traffic flow control at the FIU campuses:**

FCG assigned Dr. Mohammed Hadi (CEE) to work with the university staff to improve the traffic flow around the FIU campuses. Dr. Hadi will establish his own committee or team if he needs help.

1. **Move of the engineering to the main campus:**

FCG assigned Dr. Walter Tang (CEE) for lobbying at the main campus to move the engineering to the main campus.

**6. Discussion of New Faculty Issues**

- University does not allow faculty to buy computers even there is allocated money at the grant budget. This practice has been creating problems for the faculty. A representative will be invited from the DOR to the next meeting.

- Some graduate students have been pressuring faculty for graduation without accumulating the necessary work of the degree. Possible actions need to be discussed to reduce the pressure on the faculty.

7. **New Business, Agenda Items**

Computer purchases from the grants.

Actions to reduce the pressure on the faculty for graduation of undeserved students,

Recommendations for the increase of the graduate student size of the college

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.