

Florida International University

Engineering Faculty Council on Governance, Regular Meeting

March 3, 2006

EC 2410, 10555 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33174

MINUTES

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| Meeting started at: 12:00 PM | | | | |
| Meeting ended at: 1:50 PM | | | | |
| Next regular meeting: TBD | | | | |
| Members: | | Present | Absent | Officers: |
| <i>Biomedical:</i> | Anuradha Godavarty | | X | <i>Chair</i> Gene Farmer |
| | Anthony McGoron | X | | <i>Vice Chair</i> Cesar Levy |
| <i>Civil and Environmental:</i> | Mohammed Hadi | X | | <i>Secretary</i> Yong Tao |
| | Walter Tang | X | | <i>Parliamentarian</i> Walter Tang |
| <i>Construction Management:</i> | Syed Ahmed | X | | Guests: |
| | Gene Farmer | X | | Vish Prasad, Exc. Dean |
| <i>Electrical & Computer:</i> | Sakhrat Khizroev | | X | Osama Mohammad, ECE |
| | Jean Andrian | X | | Kai Mahki, ISE, |
| <i>Industrial & Systems:</i> | Marc Resnick | | X | Ibrahim Tansel, MME |
| | Chin-Cheng Chen | | X | Ron Giaehetli, ISE |
| <i>Mechanical & Materials:</i> | Yong Tao | X | | Martha A. Centeno, ISE |
| | Cesar Levy | X | | Grover Larkins, ECE |
| <i>Sch. of Comp. Info. Science</i> | Jai Navlaka | X | | Berrin Tansel, CEE |
| | Tim Downey | | X | Niki Pissnou, ECE |

1. **Call to Order:** The Faculty Council on Governance (FCG) Meeting was called to order by Gene Farmer, at 12:00 PM. The quorum was achieved as listed in the above table.
2. **Agenda Approval:** A motion was offered, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the meeting agenda.
3. **Last Meeting Minutes:** A motion was offered, seconded and passed unanimously to postpone the approval of the meeting minutes dated Nov. 14, 2005.

4. **Dean's Report:**

Dean reported the current status in research expenditure. There has been a 30% increase in the research expenditure this year at the college compared to the 15% increase last year. The university's medical school initiative brought 40 million dollars of donation money but the impact to other program has to be seen. Dean also mentioned the difficult situation on the proposed move of the Computer Engineering program to SCS. After the approval of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, the proposal was rejected by the Senate that requested the development of the plan. In the ECE department, Prof. Yen requested a leave from the Chair position and then agreed to come back.

Other issues reported by the Dean included the process of selecting the members of the curriculum committee. It may need some operational guidelines from the faculty council.

Prof. Farmer commented that he was not aware of any problems in the curriculum committee, and the operational side of the committee affairs was up to the committee.

Dean continued with the issue of FTE-based funding from the academic affairs in determining how many faculty members in the University. What would be the impact to the CEC was still unknown. A Delaware study was cited for such a funding basis. No program should be in the bottom 20%. Engineering will get hurt if more research was emphasized. The current Provost and the Dean had an agreement on the adjustment for research. The details were up to each chair to tell the Dean. Whether it was collectively or individually, the changes would come. When asked what the chair-hiring situation in ISE was, the Dean answered that everything was started from the beginning. There were no standard data on the ranks of the new faculty hiring. The Oklahoma Study was the one providing statistic data on this. There was a new budget model coming out soon from the administration.

5. **Professor Martha Centeno** made a presentation on the effectiveness of FCG by reading a statement signed by all the CEC senators. A motion was offered, seconded and passed to acknowledge the statement and will discuss the issues brought up by the senators. Another motion was offered and discussed to not include the senators' statement in the FCG minutes and only distribute it to the FCG members. The motion was voted with 5 for, 4 against and 1 abstain.
6. **Adjourned Meeting:** The Faculty Council of Governance meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Minutes subscribed and prepared by: Yong Tao, Secretary of FCG