**College of Engineering and Computing**

**Faculty Council Meeting**

**January 26, 2015**

**Participants**: Dean Mirimiran, Dr. Peter Clarke (SCIS), Dr. Walter Tang (CEE), (ECE), Dr. Arvind Agrawal (MME), Dr. Ali Mostafavi (OHLSC), Dr. Anthony McGoron (BME), Dr. Mohammed Hadi (CCE), Dr. Gene Farmer (OHLSC – representing Dr. Ron Baier), Dr. Nagarajan Prabakar (SCIS), Dr. Chen (MME), and Dr. Li (BME)

* Dr. McGoron calls the meeting to order
* Dr. Mirmiran makes a few announcement
	+ ABET Accreditation is received and forwarded to the chairs – It should be responded in 30 days-We hope we will not end up having an interim report or interim visit
	+ Issue of curriculum change and university strategic plan
		- The request from ME to increase the GPA for admission – But it was declined – It might not be the best approach for improving performance
		- Improving advising, course offering, etc.
		- New measure: Students should be placed in Calculus I in order to declare engineering - It will have impact on performance assessment
		- Strategic plan of the university:
			* Preeminent programs
				+ Environment
				+ Health
				+ Art
				+ International
			* Faculty council to recommend interdisciplinary areas within the college to be promoted as preeminent programs
	+ Budget: It will probably stay the same and no changes are expected
* Agenda was approved (Motion Dr. Agrwal – Second: Dr. Prabakar)
* The minutes of the previous meeting was approved (Motion: Dr. Clark-Second: Dr. Agrawal)
* Agreed that each committee member will review the University Strategic Plan to identify how Engineering and Computing fits in and if there are additional strategic areas that Engineering and Computing should consider. Are there “pre-eminent” programs that Engineering and Computing can part? Need to identify those from CEC that are on the Strategic Planning Committee. http://stratplan.fiu.edu/BeyondPossible2020.html
* Tenure and Promotion Process:
	+ Two departments (CM and SCIS) provided their tenure and promotion guidelines
	+ Is there a need for consistent guideline among the units?
	+ Dr. Clarke recommends that each unit decides on their own policies and the Faculty Council provide the link to guideline on the website
	+ Each department should confirm that their policy is in accordance with University policy.
	+ Dr. Clarke made a motion that we have a sub-committee to look at the tenure and promotion guidelines:
		- Following-up with the departments (reminding the units that their documents should be approved by the academic affairs)
		- Discussing whether a template for evaluation letter is necessary
		- The sub-committee does NOT review the T&P policies
	+ The committee approves the motion (Motion: Dr. Clark – Second: Dr. Agrawal)
	+ Subcommittee: Dr. Clarke; Dr. Agrawal, and Dr. Li
* Provide support to visiting scholars:
	+ Contact housing department and ask about available options
	+ We need to have one of the college administrative staff to help with the process
* Title for research faculty
	+ VP is working on the issues
* Security at the college
	+ Elizabeth Naranjo is looking at the issue

Agenda for next time:

* Review university strategic plan and identify possibilities for interdisciplinary preeminent programs.