Call to Order 3:32 pm

Present: S. Rahman- Chair, A. Guymon, M. Raghavan, R. Valentine, Dean Scranton

Absent: Dean Butler

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from meeting 8 were approved unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

Non-engineering Courses in COE: Dean Scranton discussed current issues facing the college regarding the physics courses taught to Engineering students. As enrollment has increased, the physics lectures do not have enough slots for our students. As many students were excluded this past fall, COE offered to teach a section of the course, but the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences declined the offer. Another section was opened, but many students may have been discouraged as the number allowed in this new section was originally quite low. Other possible issues include that Physics I is much different based on the semester. The Spring version when most Engineering students take the course tends to focus on multiple choice tests with little feedback. Students have also brought up that significant cheating may be taking place.

Our college has the ability to teach and create appropriate courses for our students, especially when the needs of the students are not being met. Physics is currently the primary course outside the college where issues exist that may necessitate such a change. The EFC discussed possible repercussions regarding resources, instructors, and course acceptance. The EFC will talk about this topic again later to provide more feedback.

Faculty Perception of Administrators: This year one center director is to be evaluated. A questionnaire will be distributed to relevant faculty. A three member committee also needs to be formed. Membership for this committee was discussed. Rahman circulated a proposed survey and letter. Dates were also set for the survey and return date. A question was brought forward as to whether the primary college should be requested on the survey. The consensus was that the choice should be left as COE or other. The letter was approved by the EFC.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:40