Minutes of the UI Engineering Faculty Council
Meeting No. 10
3210 Seamans Center
November 14, 2007

Call to Order 3:30 pm

Present: S. Rahman- Chair, A. Guymon, M. Raghavan, R. Valentine, S. Reddy, L. Boyle (guest), Dean Butler
Absent: Dean Scranton

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from meeting 9 were discussed. Dean Scranton will review the minutes before final approval.

Old Business
Faculty Perception of Administrators: As discussed in meeting number 9, a committee needs to be formed to help evaluate the current CCAD director. Rahman has approached N. Grosland, J. Lee, and Y. Chen. It was proposed that J. Lee serve as chair of the committee. Rahman will ask Lee if he would be willing to serve in this capacity.

PELEEI: The proposed committee has been e-mailed, and thus far most have responded favorably.

New Business
Non-tenured Research Professor Track: A proposal has been initiated from the College of Medicine and the University to establish a non-tenure research professor track. Linda Boyle, a member of the university faculty council, was invited to the EFC meeting as she has been in many discussions from the university level. The draft proposal from the College of Medicine and information from Susan Johnson, associate provost, was circulated. Boyle stated that a committee from the College of Medicine and Johnson wrote the documents. She will get specific names. Rahman suggested that we go through the documents and make recommendations. The document from the associate provost included a table examining NIH funding ranks and status of a research track. Almost all schools above Iowa have such a track. The EFC discussed the pros and cons of the research track extensively with Boyle providing information from the faculty council perspective. Concerns were raised about voting rights, supervising graduate students, and the current state of the clinical track. On the other hand, such a track may enhance retention and recruitment of key personnel, especially in the institutes within the College. If this is instituted, the College can set unique guidelines regarding specific policies for this in the COE. As such, the EFC should be aware of the pros and cons to help in setting such policies, if necessary.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:40