Minutes of the Engineering Faculty Council Meeting  
Meeting No. 21, Monday, April 6, 2009, 3210 SC

Present: R. Valentine-Chair, A. Guymon, S. Reddy, N. Grosland, K.K. Choi, Dean P.B. Butler, Dean A. Scranton

1) The meeting was called to order by Rich Valentine at 1:35 p.m.

2) Minutes from Meeting No. 20 were approved.

3) The draft of the Teaching Committee report was discussed for pros and cons of the online eACE and paper-based ACE. Dean Butler noted that, even though the student response rate on the eACE was declined, the mean score remained consistent over time. To encourage more students to respond to the eACE survey, he will send a memo to all engineering students to remind them importance of the eACE survey. Rich will further discuss the draft Teaching Committee report with chair Allen Bradley.

4) Rich noted the importance of service activities of all faculty members.

5) Sudhakar suggested making the EFC’s interpretation of the DCG voting policy (Ref. EFC Meeting Minutes 11 & 12) formally documented on the EFC report to the faculty.

6) Dean Butler said Provost Loh asked college administrators, in order to retain more students, to consider teaching a first-year one hour seminar course. Three college Deans (Butler, Carmichael and Scranton) volunteered to teach the seminar course on topics such as “Engineering & Society”, “Engineering & Health”, “Engineering-Historical Perspective”, etc. Dean Scranton said that the primary audience for these will be students in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Dean Butler asked EFC to consider the possibility of allowing College of Engineering students to substitute one of the Engineering Freshmen Seminar courses with this seminar course.

7) Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.