MINUTES: Engineering Faculty Council
Meeting No. 13, November 30, 2010; 3210 SC

Committee Members:

In attendance: Nicole Grosland, Jon Kuhl, David Lee, H.S. Udaykumar
Deans Alec Scranton and Keri Hornbuckle

Absent: Julie Jessop

Proceedings:

1. Meeting was called to order by Grosland at 9:00 am.

2. Approval of minutes from meeting 12 were postponed.

3. Dean Scranton announced that the differential tuition proposal (i.e., second year students) has been sent to the Board of Regents.

4. Dean Scranton reminded the council of the recent call for Cluster Hire proposals. He reiterated that the request for proposals was made directly to the faculty, and are to be submitted accordingly. He emphasized the importance of inter-departmental/college collaborations.

5. Associate Dean Hornbuckle will continue to follow-up with Megan regarding the concerns raised regarding the evening tutoring sessions (eg, are they being substituted for the traditional office hours?)

6. First year seminar series discussion. The council was in agreement that our students would benefit from these seminars, but not at the expense of the Engineering Success Seminar conducted by Jane Dorman. Points of discussion included the feasibility of replacing a GEC with three seminars (one downside is that these seminars are currently offered only to first year students, making such an option virtually impractical).

7. Associate Dean Hornbuckle sought nominations for a new COE Ombudsperson. Prof. Stoner has graciously served this role for a number of years. Hornbuckle will report back to the council as the process moves forward.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.