MINUTES: Engineering Faculty Council
Meeting No. 17, February 25, 2011; 3210 SC

Committee Members:

In attendance: Nicole Grosland, Julie Jessop, Jon Kuhl, H.S. Udaykumar, Associate Dean Keri Hornbuckle, Dean Alec Scranton

Absent: David Lee
Guest: Gary Christensen (Teaching Committee) and David Wilder (Curriculum Committee)

Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order by Grosland at 10:30 am.
- Approval of the minutes from meeting 16 were postponed.
- G Christensen, chair of the Teaching committee, provided an overview of the committee’s work to date (please refer to the interim report for details).
  - Topics of interest:
    - G Christensen noted that an Influx of international students was noted in EPS II. A Scranton reported that the number of international undergraduate students in this year’s first year class totaled 25 (16 from China).
      - How might ethics, etc. be addressed? Potential option might be an orientation for international UG the week before classes start. Advisor assignments may play a role in their success.
    - Sustainability – potentially a college initiative as opposed to departmental. Offer a college-wide EFA. For example, each department commit to a course (no pre-reqs required)
      - A committee comprised of Udaykumar, Stanier ??, and Just to head this effort was proposed.
- D Wilder, chair of the Curriculum committee, provided an overview of the committee’s work to date. (please refer to the interim report for details).
  - Topics of interest:
    - The committee proposes replacing Scott Ruebush with Caitlin M Andersen as the student representative.
    - On the topic of Rhetoric, A Scranton suggested that since it is now required to post the textbooks on isis, it may be in our interest to have the CTC review the texts and identify those sections that may be of interest, or most appropriate, for our students.
- Keri disseminated an updated memorandum regarding potential solutions for accommodating the anticipated increased enrollment in EPSI. This will again be updated and redistributed prior to meeting with the project group leaders.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 11.
- Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by NM Grosland