The EFC met 20 times during the 2017-2018 academic year. The following is a summary of some of the topics discussed during the EFC meetings. More details are available from the agendas and meeting minutes posted on the college web site.

1. The EFC appointed the membership and charged its standing committees: Curriculum Committee, Engineering Technology Committee, Promotion and Tenure Policy Committee, and the Teaching Committee. The committees were asked to provide a final report at the end of the Spring 2018 semester. The final reports for each committee are attached to this report.

2. The EFC provided input to Dean Scranton and Executive Associate Dean Larry Weber regarding the college budget model and the strategic planning.

3. The EFC appointed a review committee and initiated the FPOA review of DEO of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering department. This review was completed in April and report was sent to all department faculty members.

4. The EFC advised Dean Scranton on the membership of the Dean’s Advisory Promotion and Tenure Committee and discussed formation of a similar Dean’s Instructional Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee.

5. The EFC started the process of considering what kinds of changes would be appropriate for the CoE core through the following actions.

   a. The EFC jointly hosted a series of lunchtime seminars (Lunch & Learn) with the Associate Dean for Academic Programs.
   b. The EFC sent a questionnaire to all DEOs to request input from each program on what topics would be integral to the core from their perspective and what their program would like to contribute to the core. A member of the EFC met with each DEO to solicit their input.
   c. The EFC looked at undergraduate curricula of about 20 of our peer institutions (Big10 Plus group) to learn best practices.
   d. The EFC is recommending that the college start the formal review of the core by starting with the EPS 1 and 2 during the 2018-19 academic year and the remaining core courses during 2019-2020. The implementation of any recommended changes will begin in 2021 after the next ABET visit.
6. The EFC met with the admissions staff to discuss the drop in enrollment (20% drop in 1st year class. The possible causes include lower acceptance of Iowa offers in general, removal of the tuition incentives that were in place to recruit Iowa students, and a shift in our recruiting activities from College-led to centrally led. The Dean’s office is working with the University’s central admission office to get further clarity on the issue.

7. The EFC convened the Spring 2018 CoE faculty meeting, to be held Thursday, May 10 at 3:30 pm.