Engineering Faculty Council 2016–2017
Meeting No. 01, May 16, 2016
Minutes

Present: Profs. Andersen (Chair), Bhatti (secretary), Kruger, Lendasse, Rahman, Dean Scranton, and Dean Hornbuckle.

1. Professor Andersen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. The EFC approved the minutes of meetings 28 (April 25) and 29 (May 16, 2016) of the 2016–2016 EFC term.

3. Dean Scranton circulated a memorandum to the EFC regarding the University of Iowa’s new Instructional Faculty Policy, which was approved by the Board of Regents in June 2016. The EFC briefly discussed the memo and agreed to consider the issue during the current term.

4. The EFC then discussed membership in the various EFC subcommittees. Prof. Bhatti will be the liaison with the Curriculum Committee and will contact departmental DEOs for suggestions for two new members to this committee. Prof. Kruger will contact two faculty members for service on, and he will be the liaison for the Promotion and Tenure committee. Prof. Lendasse will be the liaison with the Teaching Committee and will contact one faculty member for service. Prof. Rahman will be the liaison for the Engineering Technology Committee. It was not clear whether Prof. Geb Thomas, chair for the 2015–2016 term, is available to serve for the 2016–2017 term. Prof. Rahman will explore and if needed, contact a faculty member to serve.

5. Prof. Andersen asked EFC members to list their priorities for the team ahead. Some of the ideas the EFC briefly discussed include (a) modernizing the COE curriculum and discussing the role of the COE core courses, (b) ideas for improving the COE rankings, and (c) how to respond to the Regents’ new Instructional Faculty Policy.

   Regarding the COE core courses, Dean Hornbuckle said that the focus should not be only on the courses. Rather, the EFC should perhaps consider how updating and improving the overall COE undergraduate program. Dean Scranton said that when discussing COE common course requirements, one should carefully consider how to pose various scenarios.

6. Prof. Andersen said that EFC agenda will be finalized once the EFC committee membership has been settled, and he invited member to consider the current suggestions and present additional ideas as EFC members see fit.

7. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.