Engineering Faculty Council 2015–2016
Meeting No. 10, October 14, 2015
Approved Minutes

Present: Profs. Andersen, Bhatti, Dove (chair), Kruger (secretary), Rethwisch; Dean Hornbuckle, Dean Scranton

1. Prof. Dove called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. The October 7, 2015 meeting minutes were circulated and approved.

3. Prof. Dove discussed an e-mail from Prof. Tonya L. Peeples, Associate Dean for Diversity & Outreach regarding the “Conversation Starters” program. The EFC decided to circulate a memo regarding this (see attached).

4. The EFC had previously sent Dean Scranton a list of questions related to the CoE budget. For the remainder of the meeting, Dean Scranton discussed the questions in detail, and provided graphs and tables summarizing key information. Dean Scranton said he will share the information with the CoE at large at a later time.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.
Colleagues,

We are about a third of the way through the semester, and we would like to make sure that our undergraduate students have developed an ease of well-being on our campus and in our college. One way to build community with our students is to talk with them.

The Engineering Faculty Council encourages faculty to make use of “Conversation Starters” offered by the office of student life. Each week Vice President Tom Rocklin sends out a few “conversation starter” questions (based on the academic calendar) as a resource for initiating dialogue and showing our interest in our students’ academic lives.

These brief conversational snippets can help build connections. A key aspect to enhance the engineering community is faculty engagement with students beyond the classroom. We want all students to know that they are important and that there are engineering faculty and staff all around them who care about how they are doing.

Thank you for all you already do. The College of Engineering is a leader in faculty and student excellence on campus. This is another way we can demonstrate our commitment to that. To access the “Conversation starters” send an email to CONVERSATION-STARTERS@LIST.UIOWA.EDU.

The Engineering Faculty Council Members