

MINUTES
November 9, 2006, 3:00pm
EBUII 205-206

Attending:

Abbaschian, R., Dean	Garay, J.	Tan, X.
Matsumoto, M., Associate Dean	Gunopulos, D.	Tuncel, E.
	Hsieh, H.	Venkatram, A.
Deshusses, M., Chair	Hua, Y.	Walker, S.
Lake, R., Chair	Jiang, T.	Wang, J.
Payne, T., Chair	Kalogeraki, V.	Yan, Y.
Schultz, J., Chair	Korotkov, A.	
	Liao, J.	
Aguilar, G.	Lonardi, S.	
Balandin, A.	Mahalingam, S.	
Bhanu, B.	Molle, M.	
Bhuyan, L.	Myung, N.	
Chen, J.	Najjar, W.	
Cocker, D.	Ozkan, M.	
Dames, C.	Princevac, M.	
Dumer, I.	Przymusinski, T.	
Faloutsos, M.	Shelton, C.	
Farrell, J.	Stahovich, T.	

Absent:

Abdollahi, A.	Khizroev, S.	Tsotras, V.
Barth, M.	Krishnamurthy, S.	Vafai, K.
Beni, G.	Liang, P.	Vahid, F.
Chen, W.	Liu, J.	Venkatadriagaram, S.
Chrobak, M.	Lyubomirsky, I.	Vullev, V.
Ciardo, G.	Morikis, D.	Wu, J.
Fleisch, B.	Mulchandani, A.	Wyman, C.
Hackwood, S.	Norbeck, J.	Xu, G.
Haddon, R.	Ozkan, C.	Xu, Z.
Jiang, Q.	Ravishankar, C.	Young, N.
Jung, H.	Rodgers, V.	Zordan, V.
Keogh, E.	Roy Chowdhury, A.	

Also Attending:

Barron-Lopez, R.	DiGregorio, J.	Peterson, R.
Bingham, B.	Easterling, R.	Rackstraw, A.
Boretz, M.	Gerry, C.	Ray, B.
Brown, T.	Hartney, P.	Sanders, D.
Caso, O.	Hill, V.	Slocum, L.
Chappell, J.	Jahr, N.	Smith, R.
Chute, R.	McGraw, T.	Willette, T.
Cordova, F.	Montoya, E.	Youhas, C.
DeLaTorre, S.	Oddson, K.	

Welcome by the Chairperson, Teodor Przymusinski

Teodor Przymusinski welcomed The Chancellor, Dean, Associate Deans, Faculty, and Staff to the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of June 2, 2006 were unanimously approved as recorded.

State of the College Presentation

Dean Abbaschian presented a "State of the College" report. (Copies of the presentation can be obtained from Rachael Easterling).

Ashok Mulchandani's Appointment on Committee on Committees

Ashok Mulchandani's nomination to serve as a representative on the Committee on Committees was unanimously approved by the Faculty.

College Representation in Senate Committees

The total number of faculty members serving on Academic Senate Committees is 171. Of the 171, 10 are from BCOE. Most of the Academic Senate Committees are staffed by faculty from CNAS and CHASS; therefore, decisions made by these Committees are skewed in favor for these Colleges. Different reasons have been given for why BCOE is underrepresented on Academic Senate Committees. The Faculty is encouraged to participate in these Committees because it gives BCOE a voice in order to assure the best interest of the College. Teodor Przymusinski and Dean Abbaschian will meet with the Academic Senate Chair to discuss this issue. The Faculty was asked to provide some input that could be presented at this action meeting. Some faculty expressed interest in creating a proposal to present to the Academic Senate that would request more representation from our College. It was also expressed that Bylaws should be revised for Committees that request membership from the professional colleges/schools. It was mentioned that these Bylaws were possibly written before Engineering became a College and therefore should now request membership from the College of Engineering specifically, and not to include it with the professional schools.

Proposal for Undergraduate Research Scholar Program

A proposal has been created by CNAS that rewards students that conduct undergraduate research by stating "Distinction in Research" on their diploma. The Faculty was asked if this is something BCOE should endorse or implement something similar to this. It was mentioned that "Distinction in Research" should be concrete and specific. Faculty input on this issue should be directed to Ravi and the Undergraduate Committee.

College Workload Policy

An ad hoc committee has been formed with the charge to develop workload policies for the departments that would align with the college. The membership of this Committee consists of Jerry Schultz as chair, and one member for each department. Any input from the faculty on this issue should be directed to the ad hoc committee.

Double Major Issue

Current policy inhibits students from doing a double major if they exceed over 20% of the units needed to complete their primary major. It was explained the reason for this is due to budget constraints from the state. The State will only fund 20% over the amount of units needed for graduation. Discussion was raised that this policy limits students who are ambitious and hard working that will become prestigious alumni. The Faculty was informed this issue has been referred to the Undergraduate Committee for further research and resolution.

New Business

None.

General Discussions

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

