

College of Engineering and Computer Science
Minutes of College Policy and Development Committee Meeting held on 2/13/08

Present: K. Stevens, D. Moslemian, A. Pandya, T. Van Epps, A. Abtahi, S. Gregg,
M. Arockiasamy, V. Aalo, R. Thomas

1. The meeting started at 11:05 a.m.
2. Mr. Robert Thomas (Senior Associate, Schwab Twitty & Hanser Architects), the project manager for the new Engineering building gave a presentation on the main features of the new building. Some of these include:
 - the building is required to meet the “Platinum” Green Building Standard.
 - the present architectural plan for the building has been approved by the dean and the university administration, including President Brogan.
 - there are 96 offices in the building, most with area of about 120 sq.ft.
 - the dean’s office and department chair offices have slightly larger spaces.
 - External and internal walls are mostly sound-proof glass to allow more efficient lighting of the building.
 - external glass walls can resist 140 miles per second winds.
3. The faculty raised several concerns/objections, including:
 - faculty input was not solicited until after the architectural plan has been completed and approved by the university.
 - all glass walls will allow too much direct sunlight which cannot be tolerated by most faculty. This constitutes an unacceptable working environment for the faculty.
 - glass offices will allow very little privacy and will not be conducive for the faculty.
 - allowable faculty office space is too small.
4. Mr. Thomas, in response to some of the faculty concerns, promised to investigate if additional spaces may be possible for the offices and will distribute a revised architectural plan (at an additional cost to the university) at a later date.
5. The meeting ended at 12:30 pm.

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