

College of Engineering and Computer Science  
Minutes of College Policy and Development Committee Meeting held on 2/27/08

Present: S. Schock, N. Erdol, D. Moslemian, A. Pandya, M. Arockiasamy, V. Aalo, A. Zilouchian and B. Rosson

1. The meeting started at 11:08 a.m.
2. Dr. Barry Rosson, Dean of Graduate Studies, discussed the state of graduate enrollment and attrition in the college and at the university. He noted that there should be more emphasis on the doctoral degree in order to improve the image of FAU. At each program level, the following may be done to improve the rate of graduate attrition:
  - cap may be imposed on graduate tuition waivers to force students to complete their program more quickly.
  - place more emphasis on the Ph.D program. For example, some very good MS theses can be easily made into Ph.D dissertations.
  - require students to produce PhD/these proposals early in the program.Dr. Rosson cautioned against fraud in graduate applications and said that his office is willing to work with the college effect a policy for accepting graduate applications from foreign institutions.
3. Dr. Ali Zilouchian, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies for the College of Engineering, distributed data on graduate admissions in the college. He observed that although the Ocean Engineering is a flag program for the college, it produces mostly MS theses. To encourage a direct PhD program which is available in all the departments, the number of credits required has been reduced. He further suggested that the CP&D should recommend some minimum requirements for unifying the PhD qualifying exam in the college. Some models for the exam include:
  - first part of the exam done in the first semester and the second part done late.
  - for the direct PhD program, the qualifying exam should be done early
  - the PhD exam should focus not only on exam taking skill but also on thinking and creativity.
4. Minutes of the CP&D meetings of 2/20/08 were read and revised. Drs. Pandya and Moslemian moved for the minutes to be adopted. The revised minutes were approved unanimously.
5. Dr. Erdol announced that the next College Faculty meeting will be held in the College of Nursing. The Architect will give a presentation at the meeting.
6. The College Building Committee will be charged with the following tasks:
  - (i) Select a chair among its members (not to be a department chair).
  - (ii) Obtain and review university specifications, objectives and budget for the new Engineering building.
  - (iii) Review the LEEDS Platinum Green Building standard.
  - (iv) Represent the Faculty in developing the new building design.
  - (v) Work closely with the dean, the architect, and Tim Epps to ensure that faculty input is incorporated in the design.

(vi) Send periodic updates to the faculty via e-mails on the progress of the new building.

7. The meeting ended at 12:50 pm.

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