

Engineering and Applied Science Tribunal

General Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mason Stout at 5:35 pm, in 525 Old Chem. Carlo Perottino recorded the meeting minutes.

Officer Reports

President – Mason Stout:

- None.

Vice President – Scott Blincoe:

- None.

Associate VP – Nathan Ball:

- None.

Secretary – Carlo Perottino:

- Come to meetings!
- Sign-in in the back if you haven't yet.

Senators – Andrew Griggs & Hannah Kenny:

- None.

Treasurer – John Lewnard:

- None.

Committee Reports

Special Events – Scott Blincoe:

- Relay for life is this Friday! 9 Service hours. Raises awareness for cancer. Looking for volunteers. Talk to Scott after the meeting if you're interested.
- Sigma Sigma Carnival on April 12th. If you're interested in helping out with a booth with the ambassadors, talk to Scott.

SOCC – Nathan Ball:

- If you are from another student group and holding elections, please contact Nathan at ballnn@mail.uc.edu regarding the results and the new president of your student organization.
- Help take down flyers after this meeting for half your committee requirement.

- If you or your student group would like to put up flyers that do not meet the requirements, email Nathan or bring the flyers by the tribunal office.

Agenda

Order of the Engineer

- Ring sizing this week! Monday – Thursday from 1:30PM – 3:30PM. Friday from 8AM – 10AM. \$10 cash or check.
- Ceremony on Friday April 25th at 5PM.
- Email Maggie at connelmt@mail.uc.edu if you can't make these times.

Dean Teik Lim

- 3rd century: Faculty and staff, students, E learning, base and support, research. Want to support undergrad research. UC is “embarking” on this process, and CEAS is behind it.
- 50 in 5 Plan: Committed to hire 50 faculty members in the next five year. Want professors who will do research. In the last 10 years (maybe shorter) we have actually lost faculty members. Dean Lim had his staff track the loss of staff members. Lost 27 faculty members who haven't been replaced. This causes research dollar to go down. Losing 27 isn't unusual; it's the fact that we haven't replaced them. The 50 and 5 plan would help drive teaching and research and enhance the quality of learning.
- Improve Lab Capabilities: We have enough space (more than UCLA), but not enough good space (usable space). As resources become available, plan on making upgrades. Need about 30-40 million dollars to be where Dean Lim wants us to be.
- Want to reach 4000 undergrads and 1000 grads. Had an increase last year, and will probably see an increase next year. This number is crucial because it drives the 50 in 5. Trying to reduce the unfunded grads and increase the number of masters of engineering.
- Enhance Student's Experience: Bringing more faculty member (50 in 5) and increasing faculty diversity. Also want to hire staff members. We need three legs, the faculty, staff, and students, to keep the school up.
- Diversity: Comes in many shapes and forms. We want more female engineers in programs that have very few (MechE). Want more international students (can be tricky with the co-op program). International opportunity allows you to compete with someone abroad. Need to educate today's engineers for global competition.
- Global strategy: Three reasons for global push. Need to bring in resources to the college. State funding dwindling and need to find new revenue. Need to get national and global recognition. Creates opportunity to let students get study abroad without falling behind. Schedules are locked in, and Co-op abroad costs you more money. Joint co-op institute would allow students to go study abroad without losing time in their schedule. Just hired a director of global engagement; she will be starting in April.
- Learning communities: The discussion for next year's learning communities is still on going. Talking about setting up LCs on a limited basis.
- Budget: Profit and loss. For a company to exist we need to make a profit. We have a performed based budget, and we have been losing money. Losing 2.5 million per year.

General budget of 26 million dollars. More enrollment and cutting cost. Went from a 2.5 million deficit to a 2.1 surplus. Going to maintain the 4000 undergrads and 1000 grads to help keep this 2.1 surplus. Global Strategy also helps increase our funds.

- Scholarships: Several years ago we started using McGuire studies. McGuire Studies is gender and race blind. This has sense been changed to target to students who are more diverse.
- Computer Science: All the programs are being asked to “justify their existence”. We’ve done a budget hearing by department to put accountability in the department’s hands. Need to understand department resources and see which departments are over resourced or under resourced. This makes faculty more willing to help, and makes programs more accountable.
- Questions / Comments?
 - Thad: Thank you for mentioning diversity. What is your plan for the restructuring of the facilities?
 - Answer: Our facilities are good but not good enough. Other schools have facilities that are truly state-of-the art. Dean Arthur is in charge of the college facilities and he has to work with them to change the facilities. Need to prioritize wants (undergrad facilities first). Need to go after development funding. Fundraising has fallen on the dean in the past. Nice thing about facilities is that they are a one-time cost (maintenance aside). Going to work with programs to see what they need, show them other facilities have, and ask them to think big. Lim never says there is no money. Our master of engineering program needs more students. Need to accept fewer master of science and more master of engineering offers. Need to make these changes gradually. The number of applicants and the average act scores are going up. Haven’t seen the bubble burst of the act baby boomers.
 - Andrew Griggs: This learning comminutes discussion has been talked about, and the biggest concern is the funding, but the student experience is an investment that pays off.
 - Pushing for a change in the model. Spring – 1hour model instead of a 2 hour model.
 - Brianna: Who’s in favor of two or one hour? 1 hour in the spring may not be useful. The fall is very useful.
 - Our college is in favor of 1 hour in the spring. We have surveys which support this.
 - Ken: You talked about devoting resources to more diverse groups. Could we devote those same resources to attracting students from out of state?
 - Answer: We do put a big emphasis on recruiting students from out of state. Did very well in Chicago this year. We have scholarships available for students from out of state and international. What we’ve done is picked the pockets of areas with industries that have an interest in UC students and alumnus.
 - Mason: Now that you’ve been officially appointed, have you priors changed?

- Answer: The priority for our college is still hiring more faculty members and enhancing the student experience.

Presidential Election

- Alison Hayfer
 - Third year BME
 - Been in tribunal since freshman year.
 - Served as AVP coordinator, and EWeek committee.
 - Trying to get back to the meaning of tribunal.
 - Trying to get in touch with more general members, and increase involvement.
 - Questions:
 - Andrew: Are you looking forward to trying something new and not holding the line the way we have?
 - Answer: Yes. I am looking forward to increasing involvement. Want to have a point and setup system. Want to become more of a student group.
 - Election Results: Alison is our new 2014-2015 CEAS Tribunal President.

Senator Elections

- Hannah Kenny
 - Want to focus on collaboration with other tribunals. We have a tribunal leadership council, but we are still trying to get it to where it needs to be.
 - Trying to learn more from other tribunals.
 - Want to engage more cabinet members. Want especially engage career services, community service, campus services, and affordability (we're all trying to pay for college).
 - Want to have consistent open office hours.
 - Questions? None.
 - Election Results: Hannah Kenny is one of our new 2014-2015 CEAS Tribunal Senators
- Madeline Adams
 - Likes to attend the senate meetings and usually stays for the majority if not the whole time.
 - Increase involvement.
 - Want to work with other tribunal senators.
 - Questions? None.
 - Election Results: Madeline Adams is one of our new 2014-2015 CEAS Tribunal Senators

Fall 2014-2015 Nominations

- Vice President:
 - Maggie Connell
 - Scott Bilncoe
 - Juliann Leny

- Associate Vice President:
 - o Nick Stelzer
 - o Sarah Deutsch
 - o Emily Demjanenko
 - o Kitty Difalco
- Treasurer:
 - o John Lewnard
 - o Courtney Dolla Do\$Sa Bills
- Secretary
 - o Thaddaeus Voss
 - o Danny Nolan
 - o Andrew Griggs
 - o Dane Sowers
 - o Sam Dunker

The next meeting will be held on April 7th, 2014 at 5:30PM in 525 Old Chem.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.