

General Minutes 11-4-19

John Weidner: The new Dean of CEAS

- UW-Madison for undergraduate - Chemical Engineering
- Graduate school at NC State - Electrochemical engineering
- 28 years at the University of South Carolina
- Chemical Engineer major
- Was not a fan of industry, sought graduate school
- Loves teaching, assisting faculty and students

Q&A

- How to accommodate increase in student population?
 - More students = More revenue from tuition
 - Advanced Advising resources will grow
 - Update classrooms, reimagine classrooms for better learning
 - Better use of simulation software (e.g. Siemens) will allow us to better teach students
 - Benchmark against other universities to better ourselves
 - Better options for common classes, foster efficiency

-Co-op 2.0?

- Won't really affect CEAS
- Advance options for what a co-op is, broaden the horizons
- Startups, research, big name brand companies
- WISE - interns talk to politicians to study effects of law and technology

-How to become a more research oriented University?

- Expand options/funding to faculty members and graduate students

-Timeline for construction?

- Putting in sprinkler system so we can move forward with renovation
- gender neutral bathrooms with handicap access
- very soon to be back in operation: Beginning of December

-How can undergraduates better themselves/strengthen their career?

- Take ownership of your career interests
- Get involved in student organizations
- Form a network

-Day to Day responsibilities of being Dean

- Meeting other deans, student groups, etc.
- Hiring Faculty
- Better faculty-student relations
- Coordination of activities

--Fundraising money, meeting alumni

-Primary goals for next 1-2 years?

--Mainly financial needs (renovation needs, hiring faculty, grow research, etc.)

Committee Updates

Big Breakfast

-Hosted by CincyTech, 7:30-9:15 at Duke Convention Center

-Startups talk to students about employment opportunities

College Wide Events

-First Fall Fest was a success!

Charit-E-Week

-Raised \$414 and saved 30 lives from blood drive

Social Events

-Archery Dodgeball and Cyclones Game were a success!

Senator Report

-Sponsored Dance Marathon

-Outreach week was success

-Sculpture outside Baldwin was approved

Innovation Committee

-Innovation Challenge on 11/21/19 from 4-7pm at CRC 3220

Pre-engineering

-Reaching out to Clermont student

-establishing club for Engineering majors at Clermont

-Securing position for CEAS Tribunal at Transition fair