

**Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science  
Assembly of Representatives  
Minutes – April 6, 2015**

**Assembly Members Present:** Ali Alavizadeh, Zhuming Bi, David Cochran, Barry Dupen, Brenda Groff, Tom Laverghetta, Dina Mansour-Cole, Paresh Mishra, Ramesh Narang, Hossein Oloomi, Gyorgy Petruska, Guoping Wang

**Assembly Members Excused:** Hal Broberg, Hongli Luo (Sabbatical)

**Assembly Member Unexcused:** Ahmadreza Hedayet, Lubomir Stanchev, Jin Soung Yoo

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Barry Dupen.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The March 2, 2015 minutes were approved as written.

**Report of Presiding Officer – Barry Dupen**

- Audeen Fentiman's (see below) comments regarding her meeting with ETCS faculty.
- Senate seats – The Senate Constitution states that Senate apportionment is based on the Spring Voting Faculty List in February and Engineering does not officially split until July 1, 2015, therefore, Engineering will not pick up the additional seat until next year.
- Spring Convocation is April 27, 2015

**Acceptance of the agenda**

The agenda was accepted and approved.

**Old Business**

**Committee Reports**

- *Curriculum* – Tom Laverghetta  
Four curriculum documents presented:  
ENGR – Computer Engineering changes ECE270, ECE 362 and ECE 567 - **Approved**  
CS – Bachelor of Arts CS 32100 and CS 35000 - **Approved**  
CS – Bachelor of Science CS 32100 and CS 35000 - **Approved**  
OLS – Addition of OLS 57500 - **Approved**
- *Educational Policy* – Ali Alavizadeh and Jin Soung Yoo, Co-Chairs – No report
- *Faculty Affairs* – Guoping Wang, Chair – No report
- *Nominating* – Hongli Luo, Chair – No report

**New Business**

- It was recommended that because we are in between the terms of the dean that the 2015-2016 Assembly consider a once a year vote of confidence of the dean. This will be discussed and considered beginning in September.
- A recommendation was made to decrease the size of the Assembly to two (2) members per department. The 2015-2016 Assembly will be 18 members – 3 per department. This discussion will be on the agenda for September.

## The general good and welfare of the College

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

**Next meeting – September 14 2015 in ET 206 at 12 p.m.**

**Spring Convocation – April 27, 2015**

Dear Barry,

Good morning. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to talk with the faculty members in all of the ETCS departments. I thoroughly enjoyed the day. It went so fast!

Each department is different, and each one has specific strengths to build on, areas to improve, and opportunities it could take advantage of. As I mentioned to the faculty members in each group, I would be happy to spend some more time with them sharpening their plans for the future.

Below is a summary of some common themes that emerged during our discussions.

- College faculty members are proud of their undergraduate teaching and how well they work together - which was especially important when several people took early retirement in December
- Their graduates are typically employed quickly, often in the local area, and do well in their careers
- Students would benefit from more or newer equipment in the teaching laboratories
- Most departments have good working relationships with some employers in the area (co-ops, internships, senior design projects, advisory committees, guest lectures, TAP projects, etc.)
- There are opportunities to establish ties with more employers (several specific companies were mentioned) and strengthen existing ones, but faculty have limited time to make the connections
- Faculty members do not feel they have enough opportunity to grow professionally (conduct research, mentor graduate students, attend conferences, write proposals, etc.)
- They miss the connection with West Lafayette and other Purdue campuses. Evidently, department chairs in corresponding departments from across the system used to meet annually, and faculty members met occasionally. Would like to reinstate those practices and think they would lead to collaboration.

In short, faculty members seemed quite enthusiastic about their work, their students, and the future of their departments. They identified some specific ways to improve. The next step is to develop and implement department plans to make those improvements.

Sincerely,  
Audeen Fentiman