Minutes of the School of Engineering Faculty Meeting
Thursday, April 29, 2010
Student Union Theater

• Present: See attached attendance sheet.
The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

• Welcome and Announcements, M. Choi
Dean Choi welcomed the faculty and staff to the meeting. Dean Choi proposed a motion that
the minutes of the SoE faculty meeting of February 24, 2010, which were circulated to the
faculty via e-mail in April 28, 2010, be approved.
  ◦ The motion was put to a vote and approved unanimously.

He announced the following SoE accomplishments:
  ◦ Professor Y. Bar-Shalom (ECE) reappointed as Klewin Endowed Professor
  ◦ Professor R. Christenson (CEE) appointed as UTC Asst. Professor in Engineering
    Innovation
  ◦ CMBE welcomes Professor G. Bollas
  ◦ Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professors
    ▪ Professor B. Huey,
    ▪ Professor R. Christenson,
    ▪ Professor J-H Kim,
    ▪ Professor J. Shi,
    ▪ Professor Y. Fei,
    ▪ Professor M. Tehranipoor,
    ▪ Professor H. Ilies
  ◦ Promotion to Full Professor
    ▪ Professor P. Alpay,
    ▪ Professor W. Chiu,
    ▪ Professor R. Parnas,
    ▪ Professor A. Russell
  ◦ New Faculty for 2010
    ▪ Dr. R. Maric,
    ▪ Dr. J. Bi,
    ▪ Dr. S. Jang,
    ▪ Dr. C. Cornelius,
    ▪ Dr. P. Zhang,
    ▪ Dr. A. Mhadeshwar,
    ▪ Dr. M. Nieh
    ▪ 2 more offers being considered
  ◦ New Staff Members: M.s. S. Renfro, M.s. R. Bienemann, M.s. Amy Smith
  ◦ Upcoming events are announced:
    ▪ Senior Design Demonstration Day (April 30)
    ▪ Connecticut Invention Convention (May 1)
    ▪ Graduate Commencement (May 8)
    ▪ UG Commencement (May 9)
• **Associate Dean Report, K. Kazerounian**
  o Provided update on new major awards:
  o Provided update on upcoming NSF programs
    ▪ Nanotechnology Undergraduate Education (NUE) in Engineering - due 5/7
    ▪ Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (TUES) - due 5/26
    ▪ Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I - due 6/9
    ▪ Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program - due 7/21
    ▪ Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Sites - due 8/25

• **Assistant Dean Report, M. Wood**
  o A motion to award degrees to undergraduate degree candidates was put to a vote and passed unanimously.
  o A motion to approve the Courses and Curricula changes requested by CHEG, ECE, MEM, MSE (the changes to the BME program was tabled for further discussions at the next C&C meeting) was passed unanimously.
  o UG program updates
    ▪ Admission and projected enrollments fall 2010
    ▪ Engineering minors and concentrations
    ▪ ICE (Innovation, Creativity and entrepreneurship)
    ▪ Engineering for Impact
    ▪ New Research Scholarships
    ▪ GK-12 initiative
    ▪ Outreach and diversity activities
  o Provided update on Ingenuity Incubators grant
  o Provided update on Scholarship and Graduate fellowships

• **Graduate Studies and Diversity, J. H. Cui**
  o Provided update on graduate studies and diversity activities and future plans
    ▪ Proactive recruiting (GRE email, school visits)
    ▪ Fellowship training (NSF GRFP, Informational session for GAANN fellows)
    ▪ MENG/I&M, award ceremony, commencement, commencement reception

• **Innovation and Commercialization, Dr. Joseph Bronzino, Founder and President**
  o Introduced the BEACON (Biomedical Engineering Alliance & Consortium) model to promote biomedical research and innovation

• **Old Business** - None.
• **New Business** - None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeong-Ho Kim
May 05, 2010