Minutes of the School of Engineering Faculty Meeting  
Thursday, December 3, 2009  
Student Union Theatre

• **Present:** See attached attendance sheet. 
  The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm. Dean Choi proposed a motion that the minutes of the SoE faculty meeting of September 30, 2009, which were circulated to the faculty via email in November, be approved. 
  o The motion was put to vote and approved unanimously.

• **Welcome and Announcements, M. Choi** 
  Dean Choi welcomed the faculty and staff to the meeting. 
  He announced the following SoE accomplishments:
  o Reda Ammar received a $1.7M grant to develop educational programs at Prince Migrin University, Saudi Arabia. 
  o Mike Accorsi, Mekonnen Gebremichael, Guiling Wang submitted a grant to USAID to develop educational and research training programs in Water Resources Management with universities in Ethiopia. 
  o Rampi Ramprasad had been awarded a von Humboldt Fellowship. 
  o The efforts of the SoE PTR Committee were acknowledged. 
  o The Pratt and Whitney Center of Excellence on Diagnostics, Sensors and Control was announced. 
  o A Center of Excellence with Hamilton-Sundstrand is in development. 
  o An Alumni Reception will be held Dec. 16, 2009 at the Pratt and Whitney Museum (Hangar), beginning at 5pm, reception at 6pm. 
  An overview of the SoE Advisory Board:
  o Reorganization of the advisory board has been completed with areas of focus. 
    ▪ Capital Campaign: Heidi Douglas, Chair, to seek endowed scholarships, fellowships, professorships and infrastructure. 
    ▪ Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Kevin Bouley, Chair 
    ▪ Collaboration with Industry Partners: Mike Curtis, Chair.

• **Associate Dean Report, K. Kazerounian** 
  o Staff awards were presented to: (1) Chris LaRosa, SoE Publicity and Marketing Manager, and (2) Mary McCarthy, ECE Administrative Coordinator 
  o Seven GAANN proposals are in development; 
  o Advancements in communication and publication:
    ▪ A GA in Communications has been hired as a part-time writer. 
    ▪ Two students have been hired for web development support. 
    ▪ A new SoE webpage will be launched Jan. 1, 2010 
    ▪ Public display monitors will be installed in all engineering buildings with central content management.

• **Undergraduate Programs, B. Schwarz** 
  o Motion to award Undergraduate Degrees was passed unanimously.
• **Undergraduate Programs, M. Wood**
  Motion to pass Courses and Curriculum changes was approved unanimously.
  
  o A course in Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) will integrated into the FYE program.
  o Future direction will be to connect the ICE theme through a core course in Sophomore year and then to Junior Year

• **Assistant Dean Report, J. Cui**
  
  • Programs in development to increase the diversity of the graduate student population including increased numbers of American students, women and minority students through proactive recruitment, and cultural activities to support current students.

  • Data collection will be implemented to collect information about career paths of graduate students.

• **NASA Fellowship Opportunities, D. Peterson**
  NASA provides competitive graduate fellowships to UCONN students through UCONN participation in the New England Space Grant Consortium. Additional information can be obtained from Donald Peterson.

• **Old Business** – None.

• **New Business** – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison MacKay
December 15, 2009