Minutes of the School of Engineering Faculty Meeting  
Wednesday, February 24, 2010  
ITE-C80 Auditorium

- **Present:** See attached attendance sheet.  
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

- **Vice-Provost Search Updates and Announcements, Provost Peter Nicholls**
  - Provided updates on the two Vice Provost searches - one for Undergraduate Education & Regional Campuses and the other for Graduate Education.
  - Requested three year hiring plans for all schools and colleges.

- **Key Issues Facing the University, President Michael Hogan & Provost Peter Nicholls**
  - President Hogan provided an update on the budget situation and discussed strategies to address the expected cuts in support from the state.
  - President Hogan and Provost Nicholls answered a variety of questions from the faculty members present at the meeting.

- **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 December 3, 2009, which were circulated to the faculty via e-mail be approved. The motion was put to a vote and approved unanimously.

  He announced the following SoE accomplishments:
  - Lei Wang (ECE), Tai-Hsi Fan (ME) and Yufeng Wu (CSE) garnered NSF CAREER awards
  - S. Rajasekaran (CSE) was named a AAAS Fellow
  - C. B. Carter (CMBE), Robert Gao (ME), Manos Anagnostou (CEE), And Shengli Zhou (ECE) inducted to CASE
  - Eric Jordan (ME) was appointed as the UTC Professor in Advanced Materials Processing.
  - Manos Anagnostou (CEE) was appointed as the NU Foundation Professor in Environmental Engineering
  - Upcoming events:
    - NIH-NIBIB Director, W. Heertderks (March 23)
    - Dreyfus Foundation Director, M. Cardillo (April 1)
    - Undergraduate Open House (April 17)
    - Undergraduate and Graduate Awards Ceremony (April 19)
    - Academy of Distinguished Engineers (April 27)
    - SoE Faculty Meeting (April 29)
    - Connecticut Invention Convention (May 1)
    - SoE Graduate Commencement (May 8)
    - SoE Undergraduate Commencement (May 9)
• **Undergraduate Programs, M. Wood**  
  o Provided an update on Innovation, Creativity & Entrepreneurship (ICE) in the freshmen curriculum  
  o Provided an update on the admission status of Fall 2010

• **Associate Dean Report, K. Kazerounian**  
  o Provided an update on research proposals submitted, new awards and expenditures in FY 2010 in comparison with FY 2009  
  o Encouraged faculty to apply for Faculty Large Grant opportunities  
  o Encouraged faculty participation in NSF RET: Joule Fellows in Sustainable Energy  
  o Introduced a new internal proposal review form with additional column for distribution of credits

• **New Entrepreneurship & Commercialization Activities, Interim Director Rita Zangari**  
  o Provided an update on new initiatives from OTC and SoE on entrepreneurship and commercialization

• **Close to Home Initiative Chris Joliat**  
  o Introduced the Close-to-Home Campaign and encouraged faculty participation in this important initiative

• **Old Business** – None.  
• **New Business** – None.

  The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.

  Respectfully Submitted,

  Jeong-Ho Kim  
  March 08, 2010