

College of Engineering Faculty Meeting
Thursday, March 18 2004
3405 Engineering Building (Dean's Conference Room)
3:00PM

1. The October 16, 2003 minutes were approved.
2. New faculty in the CoE were introduced.
3. T. Grotjohn reported that the vote by the CoE faculty to revise the College Promotion and Tenure Committee structure passed. The new committee description will be incorporated into the CoE Faculty Handbook by ECAC.
4. T. Wolff reported that preparations for the ABET Accreditation Visit during Fall 2004 are underway. He indicated that seven programs are up for accreditation. The plan is for each of the programs to complete the final draft of their Self Study Report by June 1. The final document needs to be sent to ABET by July 1, 2004. The accreditation visit will occur for 2-3 days during Fall 2004.

Wolff also reported on the undergraduate enrollment trends. Overall the college is experiencing a drop in the number of students at the freshman and sophomore levels that are intending to going into engineering. The impact on the junior and senior levels is not as significant. The enrollment changes are more significant in some majors and less significant in other majors.

5. Dr. Rosenberg reported on graduate program and research issues in CoE. He indicated that the number of proposals submitted has increased in the past year. He noted that much of the federally funded research in the CoE comes from NSF. He indicated that the College should look for opportunities to submit proposals and get funding from other agencies besides NSF.

Rosenberg reported that the number of students seeking M.S. degrees in the CoE has decline. He also reported the enrollment numbers for Ph.D. students have increased.

6. Dean Fouke reported that the College's Mission and Vision statements have been completed. These statements were developed over the past year by ECAC and herself.

Fouke also reports that:

MSU experienced a mid fiscal year budget takeback by the State of Michigan. This impacted the CoE. The CoE reduction was less than the average across the university.

A proposal for a high performance computer is pending.

A request has been prepared from the College to Provost Simon to increase CoE faculty size.

A new truck was donated by GM to CoE. The truck is primarily for travel as student groups (e.g., Formula Car, Baja, Concrete Canoe) go to regional and national competitions.

Submitted by Kirk Dolan