

**College of Engineering**  
**Minutes of the Spring 2006 Faculty Meeting**  
**Thursday, 23 March 2006**

1. The meeting was brought to order at ~3:00 PM in the Dean's Conference Room.
2. **Minutes of the October 2005 meeting** (available on the web at <http://www.egr.msu.edu/egr/dean/minutes>): The minutes were approved by voice vote.
3. **New faculty and staff in the college:** New folks were introduced by their respective chairpersons or other administrators.
4. **Withrow award winners and luncheon:** Faculty and staff were reminded of the upcoming Withrow Awards luncheon coming up in April. Winners were also acknowledged.
5. **College of Engineering Faculty Handbook:** The revised handbook material can be viewed on the web and will be subject to a vote of approval in April. (Note: the subsequent ballot in April resulted in the revised materials being unanimously adopted by those voting.)
6. **Dean search:** Search Committee chairperson Percy Pierre recapped progress to date on the search and outlined the schedule for the spring. The target date to have a new dean identified is 1 July 2006. (Note: a new dean was announced by this deadline.)
7. **Residential college initiative:** Associate Dean Wolff discussed this initiative. For details, see the attached powerpoint file.
8. **ABET update:** Associate Dean Wolff briefly discussed the current status of the ABET accreditations. An Interim Report is due by 1 July 2006. Progress is being made and there should be no problem meeting the deadline.
9. **Proposal to cover graduate student "engineering fees" as part of appointment package:** Professor Kempel presented a proposal for "engineering fees" to be covered in financial aid packages. Spirited discussion ensued and the issue was referred to the EGRSC for study and resolution.
10. **Review of department chairpersons:** Professor Stockman presented the case for review of department chairpersons as developed by an Academic/Faculty Council Committee. Much of the discussion was addressed to whether such reviews should be made public. In the end, the following resolution was offered by Grummon and seconded by Chatti to be conveyed to the Academic Council and/or the relevant committees by Stockman:

“The engineering college faculty views with considerable skepticism the proposition that reviews of administrators be made broadly public.”

The resolution passed easily on a voice vote.

11. **Bylaws change regarding DER:** This item was removed from the agenda in favor of a presentation and vote to be conducted by e-mail. (Note: The subsequent e-mail ballot resulted in the unanimous approval of the bylaws change.)
12. **Communication between college and university-level governance:** Professor Sticklen made a presentation regarding communication between the college and “governance.” See the attached powerpoint file for details.
13. **Comments by Dean Upda:** Due to the lateness of the hour, no comments were made by the dean.

Respectfully submitted by: Richard Lyles, ECAC chairperson, 2005-06 AY