Engineering College Advisory Council
Michigan State University
Minutes of Monday, January 30, 2009

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Present: Balasubramaniam, Engeda, Portis, Safferman, Udpa, Voice, Worden

1. Minutes: the minutes from the December 8, 2008 meeting were approved with minor revisions.

2. Dean’s Comments
   • Planning for budget cuts is ongoing.
   • Suggestions on raising revenues and saving resources are welcomed. One option discussed by members is to institute training, non-degree certificate classes/programs. However, questions about the ability of those in need to purchase such training were raised.
   • Concern was expressed about the lack of faculty members being nominated for external awards.

3. Nominations for College Elections: a College of Engineering ballot needs to be distributed by the middle of February 2009. ECAC members will solicit potential nominations and a letter explaining the needs will be sent to Department Chairs.

4. Online Faculty Activities Report: the final version is on line. With more people using the resource, comments are solicited. The only potential issue that has been identified is its stability for those using Firefox.

5. Teaching Effectiveness Initiative Discussion: documentation is to be distributed and a detailed discussion is planned during the next ECAC meeting.

6. College of Engineering Strategic Planning Initiative
   • The Initiative was presented to the Chairs Group and Dr. Balasubramaniam is having individual meetings with each Chair.
   • The report is to be distributed to the faculty and discussed at the next College faculty meeting.
   • Champions for the implementation of each of the six recommendations are needed.
   • In this environment of limited resources, adjustments to implementation strategies need to be considered.

Respectfully Submitted:

Steve Safferman