Present (by Zoom): M. Crimp (ChEMS, Council Chairperson), M.E. Kutay (CEE), T. Pence (ME), A. Ross (CSE), C.M. Saffron (BAE), N. Sepulveda (ECE), M. Worden (BME), Hui-chia Yu (CMSE), L. Kempel (ex-officio), T. Voice (ex-officio), B. Hanton (UGrad-student representative), H. Nouri (Grad-student representative)

Absent:

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m.
- Agenda for the meeting was approved.
- Minutes of April 23 meeting were approved.
- Comments from the Dean
  - It is unlikely that courses will be fully online or fully in person, but a model hasn’t been specified.
  - Options under consideration include offering additional sections of courses.
  - By the end of the month (May), there should be some clarity on research re-opening strategies.
  - Buildings will be opened one at a time, after suitable building-wide protocols have been developed.
  - Some research labs may be re-opening as soon as May 18th, with IQ building opening first, followed by ERC, and then the Engineering Building.
  - Research lab re-opening will require a written, detailed plan that includes social distancing protocols; e.g.: limited number of people per unit area during work.
- Comments from the Senior Associate Dean
  - The College of Engineering is planning on balance budget cuts by increasing efficiency, particularly on teaching load assignments. This will be worked over the summer and reported back to ECAC.
  - The COI policy for the college may need to be revisited.
- Comments from the ECAC Chair
  - New provost will be appointed officially soon.
  - Concerns were raised on the time that will be available for faculty without summer appointments to prepare for the likely scenario of having to teach courses in Fall both online and in-person.
- Further discussion on certificate programs
  - The distinction between “courses”, “graduate certificates”, and “certificate programs” was discussed.
  - A subcommittee was formed to look into the certificate program. The subcommittee consists of Marty Crimp, Tom Voice, and Tom Pence.
- Meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.