1. The agenda was approved

2. The minutes of the October 30, 2014 College of Engineering Faculty meeting were approved.

3. Introduction of new faculty and staff – Chairpersons
   UGS - New director of AES/new advisor; ME - 2 new academic specialists; Development - 1 new staff; Division of Engineering Research - 2 new staff

4. Dean’s presentation
   - Academic Competitiveness Fund will be explained by John V.
   - Department of Biomedical Engineering exists as of January 2015.
   - Bioengineering building expected to be ready December 2015
   - Inaugural Chairperson is being discussed
   - Details on changes to RPT process for promotion to full professor and deadline dates was presented.
   - Proposed Department of computational mathematics, Science, and Engineering has been sent to academic governance.
   - Campaign goal of 80 million dollars is 51% to fulfillment.
   - The Engineering Library is being repurposed into 25 offices, 1 suite, and carrels for 124 graduate students and postdocs
   - Group working on strategic planning will report by April 15th, to be shown to college October 2015.
   - New Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Affairs – Amanda Idema.

5. Update on Chair Searches
   BAE: 3 candidates have been interviewed and all were acceptable; an offer is out
   ECE: 27 applications were received. 10 phone interviews. 5 candidates will be interviewed from March 16-April 2. Recommendations to the Dean by April 20.
   ME: 26 applications were received. 11 Skype interviews were conducted. 6 candidates were chosen for campus interviews – 3 internal, 3 external. Recommendation to the Dean by April 24.

6. Faculty and staff were reminded that everyone must take the Sexual Misconduct and Domestic Violence training.

7. Update from the Associate Deans
   - John Verboncoeur reported on the status of the Academic Competitiveness Fund
     - $15M recurring funds
     - Support for 60-100 faculty
     - 87 proposals received
     - 12 have been invited for discussion (8 involved EGR).
     - There are 13 cluster areas – final proposals have been submitted.
     - OVPRGS will negotiate with Colleges for matching.
- EGR asking for 10% holdback for new areas and enhancing successful areas.

  - Tom Wolff presented his last presentation to the college faculty meeting as Associate dean for Undergraduate Studies
    - Senior achievements were shown along with the growth of the college's undergraduate population.
    - He addressed need to handle increasing enrollments with more academic specialists, teaching resources, lab sections and online courses.
    - More online courses are being created.
    - Women in engineering is moving forward.
    - Academic advisors have been short staffed but 2 new advisors are being hired.
    - CoRe is implementing spatial visualization testing and remediation.
    - Dr. Laura Genik is new Director of AES.
    - The Hive at Wilson has opened for the Entrepreneurship Initiative.

  - Katy Colbry gave the status of the graduate program
    - Us News ranking of College of Engineering Graduate program is now 49.
    - All are invited to the Graduate Research Symposium on April 9, 2015 at the MSU Breslin Center.

- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm. Social hour followed at 5:00 pm.

  Respectfully submitted
  Craig Gunn