

School of Engineering - Faculty Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 2022
Richard Weeks Hall of Engineering & Online (Zoom)

Present: J-P Antoine, A Aziz, P Balaguru, H Benaroya, A Bertuccio, D Birnie, N Boustany, M Brown, H Buettner, D Burbano Lombana, J Cadena, P Calderon, G Callegari, K Cameron, Y Chen, D Coit, K Cook-Chennault, A Cuitiño, G Dignon, G Drazer, G Drzwiecki, J Freeman, F Garias, M Gergus, X Gu, N Gucunski, Q Guo, Y Guo, W Guo, M Gursoy, S Haghani, M Jafari, MK Jeong, S Kilduff, L Klein, A Koray, A Kotelnikov, N Langrana, R Lehman, J Li, H Lin, J Lynch, N Mandayam, A Mazzeo, J McGarvey, M Muller, L Najafizadeh, H Najm, E Nikolopoulos, A Norris, T Oathes, D O'Carroll, T Ozel, A Pelegri, R Perez, M Pierce, D Pompili, S Ramanathan, R Reagan, D Reed, A Reihani, J Robbins, I Rosen, C Roth, J Shan, M Shehat, D Shreiber, R Sills, J Singer, R Singh, P Song, W Trappe, V Tutwiler, M Vazquez, R Wang, G Weng, E Wicks, G Yang, J Yi, Y-K Yong, F Youssefian, J Zahn, N Zin.

Interim Dean Alberto Cuitiño called the meeting to order at 3:07pm.

No objections were raised concerning the minutes of the faculty meeting held on April 15th, 2022, nor on the agenda of the current meeting.

- Dean's Report:
 - Interim Dean Cuitiño began by welcoming faculty and staff back to campus for the fall 2022 semester. Interim Dean Cuitiño gave a brief description of his own career path from Mendoza, Argentina, to Rutgers School of Engineering.
 - Interim Dean Cuitiño noted that today the School of Engineering has many strengths, but also faces multiple challenges. These include student retention rates, research funding, and areas with outdated infrastructure. Interim Dean Cuitiño encouraged the faculty to work together to address these challenges.
 - Interim Dean Cuitiño described meeting with the school's Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to discuss priority areas for development:
 - Diversity equity, and inclusion
 - Strategic vision and visibility
 - Academic programs
 - Interdisciplinary collaborations
 - Fundraising and community engagement
 - Two new department chairs were introduced:
 - Yingying Chen replaces Narayan Mandayam in ECE
 - Assimina Pelegri replaces Alberto Cuitiño in MechE

- Several new faculty members were introduced:
 - Farzad Yousefian and Randy Reagan in ISE
 - Efthymios Nikolopoulos and Tyler Oathes in CEE
 - Gregory Dignon and Jason Robbins in CBE
 - Shriram Ramanathan, Guosong Yang, and Daniel Burbano Lombana and Sansan Haghani in ECE
 - Amin Reihani in MAE

- Interim Dean Cuitiño described several events scheduled for the fall semester:
 - September 12th, 3:30pm, Weeks Hall room 102, *Engineering Spotlight speaker series* (<https://soe.rutgers.edu/event/engineering-spotlight-speaker-series>)
 - September 22nd, 4-6pm, Weeks Hall Patio, *SoE Speed Networking Event* (register by Sept 15th)
 - September 29th, Dedication of The Bruce and Phyllis Nicholas Engineering Student Projects Studio (<https://soe.rutgers.edu/event/bruce-phyllis-engineering-project-studio-dedication>)
 - October 22nd, Homecoming weekend (<https://www.rutgers.edu/event/homecoming-2022>)
 - October 27th, Medal of Excellence, dinner plus reception (<https://soe.rutgers.edu/moe2022>)

- After making these announcements, the floor was open for discussion.
 - Old Business
 - None
 - New Business
 - None

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark C. Pierce

Secretary, Engineering Faculty