SoE Faculty Meeting Minutes
February 8th, 2019
Richard Weeks Hall of Engineering, Room 102


Dean Thomas N. Farris called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm.

The minutes of the Faculty Meeting held on November 2nd, 2018 were approved.

- Dean's Report:
  - Dean Farris advised the Faculty that the design process is ongoing for the Bruce and Phyllis Nicholas Student Projects Studio. This will be dedicated shop space on Bevier Road at the site of the current Rutgers Formula Racing garage where engineering students can work on hands-on projects. Input from students and advisory groups is being collected.
  - An agreement has been signed with SLAM architects to perform a feasibility study for build-out and expansion of the Fiber Optics building.
  - The School's Engineering Out Front initiative is being re-invigorated, with a particular focus on increasing Masters student enrollment to at least the level of peer institutions. Four SoE Department Chairs and SoE staff are working with graduate program directors to address this challenge.
  - Dr. Ngwe Zin was introduced as the new Director of the SoE Microfabrication Facility, located in the basement of Richard Weeks Hall. A search is underway to also appoint a technician to support the Facility.

- Introduction of New Faculty:
  - Helen Buettner introduced Benjamin Schuster (Assistant Professor, CBE)
  - Alberto Cuitino introduced Laurent Burlion (Assistant Professor, MAE) and Yuebin Guo (Henry Rutgers Professor of Advanced Manufacturing, MAE)

- Old Business
  - None
• New Business

− Jesenia Cadena highlighted many of the activities scheduled for National Engineers Week (February 17th – 23rd). These include the *Dean’s Distinguished Lecture* on Wednesday, February 20th, presented by Tom Kennedy (ENG ’77), Chairman and CEO of Raytheon Company. Full details for events including the Cardboard Canoe Races can be found at https://soe.rutgers.edu/eweek2019.

− The Faculty observed the recent passing of Nathan Sorin, a School of Engineering sophomore, with a moment of silence. Professor Alberto Cuitino represented the School at a memorial service on February 8th in Moorestown, NJ.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Pierce
Secretary, Engineering Faculty