School of Engineering Faculty Meeting Minutes
February 7th, 2020
Richard Weeks Hall of Engineering, Room 102


Dean Thomas N. Farris called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved. The minutes of the Faculty Meeting held on November 8th, 2019 were approved.

- Presentation:
  - Student ambassadors from the School of Engineering provided an overview of Engineers Week activities (February 17 – 22). Full details and a schedule of events can be found at https://soe.rutgers.edu/eweek2020.

- Dean’s Report:
  - A key short-term initiative within the precinct plan involves construction of the Bruce and Phyllis Nicholas Engineering Students Project Studio. Space previously occupied by the Rutgers Formula Racing team and the Solar Car Project has now been demolished to make way for the project studio, which has an estimated opening date of June 2021.
  - Phase 2 of the precinct plan involves remodeling and expansion of the Fiber Optics building. Funding has been secured to hire architects for planning this phase, with a final selection date of March 13th, 2020.
  - Phase 3 of the precinct plan calls for demolition of the current engineering C-wing, with new construction on a site adjacent to the current D-wing. Funding has been secured from the Chancellor’s office to begin planning for this phase.
Dean Farris noted that several departments have formed search committees tasked with identifying potential new faculty members. These committees are coordinating their efforts with the office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement (https://diversity.rutgers.edu/).

- Introduction of New Faculty:
  - Two new faculty members were introduced:
    - Yuqian Zhang (ECE), Natalie Macon (BME)

- Old Business
  - None

- New Business
  - None

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Pierce
Secretary, Engineering Faculty