SoE Faculty Meeting Minutes
September 14th, 2018
Richard Weeks Hall of Engineering, Room 102


Dean Thomas N. Farris called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm.
The minutes of the Faculty Meeting held on May 4th, 2018 were approved.

- Dean’s Report:
  - Dean Farris welcomed the Faculty to the newly opened Richard Weeks Hall of Engineering
  - Subsequent construction plans include the Engineering Student Projects Studio and extension of the Fiber Optics building. Further details can be found in the Rutgers Engineering Precinct Plan (https://soe.rutgers.edu/21century).
  - The School of Engineering’s 2018 Medal of Excellence Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 11th at The Palace at Somerset Park. An extraordinary announcement is anticipated.
  - 11 new tenured, tenure track, or full-time teaching faculty were hired during the 2017-18 academic year. Six started their appointments in August 2018 with five due to arrive in January 2019.
  - The School of Engineering will recognize Faculty awards, promotions, and reappointments at a reception on Thursday, September 20th at 4-6pm, on the Weeks Hall patio.

- Introduction of New Faculty:
  - Eight new Faculty members were introduced by their respective department Chairs:
    Kristen Labazzo (BME), Elin Wicks (ISE), Sepehr Nemati Proon (ISE), Jorge Ortiz (ECE), Sheng Wei (ECE), Umer Hassan (ECE), Bo Yuan (ECE), Xi Gu (MAE / Packaging)
• Old Business
  – None

• New Business
  – Matthew Wilk and David Wyrtzen, Associate Directors of Rutgers Digital Classroom Services (https://dcs.rutgers.edu/), and Wilson Contreras, Instructional Technology Supervisor, demonstrated the technical features and capabilities of the digital classroom podium in room 102 of Weeks Hall.
  – Associate Dean Henrik Pedersen provided an update on the forthcoming ABET site visit (Sunday, October 14th to Tuesday, October 16th). Program evaluators (PEV’s) will be meeting with Faculty, staff, students, and advisory board members on Monday, October 15th; schedules will be arranged by each Department.
  – Dean Farris invited the Faculty to tour the new Richard Weeks Hall of Engineering.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Pierce
Secretary, Engineering Faculty