

Meeting Minutes
Executive Committee of the AFSE
March 5, 2021
12 NOON via Zoom

Present: Marcus Herrmann (chair), Dianne Hansford (secretary), Rosa Krajmalnik-Brown, Doug Montgomery, Jitendran Muthuswamy, George Pan, Rod Roscoe, Andreas Spanias, Sefaattin Tongay, Yalin Wang
Absent: Samantha Brunhaver, Christopher Buneo, Anthony Lamanna
Guest: Dean Kyle Squires

1. **Approval of the February 5, 2021 EC Minutes.** Minutes were unanimously approved.

Rosa: What is the action item on the disclosures issue from last meeting? Kyle: we are waiting on guidance to send to faculty. When in doubt disclose. What is excluded: related to faculty service, book reviews; we do not expect consulting agreement for those to be disclosed. Example: go to Pfizer and get paid to speak – that should probably be disclosed. Research administration will need to discuss any IP issues. Yalin: collaboration/paper – who is our contact for that? Kyle: Lee Petite or school director can push it up. Submit proposal – then review done. [ORIA](#) (Office of Integrity and Assurance) will eventually review it.

2. **Impact of COVID 19.**

Kyle: this will be a work in progress for a while. What is the nature of fall instruction? We will not know until late summer. We are planning for more students on campus with some masking. Probably some utilization of ASU Sync to maintain a lower density in class. We do not know where we will be with COVID. In short, there will be some Zoom in the fall.

Rod: he has heard from students who are looking forward to Sync/Zoom in the future because it is convenient, particularly with work schedules. Kyle: we do not plan widespread deployment. We can consider this for internships.

Marcus: students are asking if classes will continue to be recorded. Kyle: it might depend on each faculty member and the quality of the lecture in Zoom. We have learned that the university is a place for people to meet, so it is important for faculty to teach in person.

Sef: Will faculty over 80 years old get special accommodations? Kyle: accommodations will be few and far between. Faculty and staff can go to ADA to get accommodations. Make sure your faculty understand the process.

Sef: Can faculty use a face shield instead of mask? In a face shield it is easier to deliver lecture. Kyle: Currently masks are required. This could be updated.

Summer will probably be in Zoom mode. E-camp will have to be virtual again. Decisions are being made now because of financial agreements that need to be resolved now.

Non-COVID news. Regarding President Crow's plan to support Black people: For post doc program, FSE schools could submit proposals. We got one funded; a handful of graduate assistantships were funded too. All proposals were strong, even those not funded. There will be

another round in the fall.

Rosa: Were these for minorities? Yes. Rod mentioned that he was on review/selection committee for post docs.

3. **Dean's Distinguished Lecture.** Spring Berman reported that S. Bhatia declined our invitation and she suggested Prof. Maja Mataric at UCS. The committee decided to move forward with invitations for the next two researchers on the list:
 - Ellen Stofran (Smithsonian Institution, prior NASA Chief Scientist)
 - Arun Majumdar (Stanford University)Sef will contact Majumdar and Tony will try to contact Stofran.

Google doc with running list of speaker ideas:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Yypvfi8vkbQ_CVV6E3kmg3kG0QeMZ2AJxk9O1VQUEh0/edit?ts=6001df40&pli=1#gid=1873328740

(All EC should have access to this document.)

4. **Other Items.**

(On Feb 12th, President Crow announced at the ABOR meeting that there would be two new Schools of Engineering. One on Computing and Augmented Intelligence (CAI) to be housed in Tempe and one on Advanced Manufacturing to be located at the Poly Campus. An organizational structure showed that CAI would contain all the programs in CIDSE except 1) Industrial Engineering, 2) Engineering Management and 3) Data Science, Analytics and Engineering and that the IE and EM programs would be moved to the new Advanced Manufacturing and Systems Engineering School at Poly.)

The In the Loop announcement:

<https://intheLOOP.engineering.asu.edu/2021/03/04/announcement-new-school-coming-to-fse/>

FSE website Q&A:

<https://engineering.asu.edu/announcement/fse-transition/>

Rod: some programs in the CISDE move are feeling somewhat “banished” or undervalued. There are some negative feelings about the break-up. Rod thinks some effort needs to be made to make people feel valued.

Doug: IE and EM programs feeling a big sense of frustration. Should have been informed/feel negatively surprised. The idea is to create an advanced manufacturing group at Poly. Doug said Mark Henderson, and Chell Roberts were the last faculty in IE that had anything to do with manufacturing, and they are both gone. If FSE wants advanced manufacturing, then there is hiring that could be done, but moving IE/EM to poly is not a good solution. He thinks we will lose faculty— they will go somewhere else or retire. If IE/EM could have been involved, sentiment might have been different.

Kyle: we want to be clear that the new school on Poly will be a transformation of the campus. We want the people to want to be involved in the process. We will not force people to go to Poly. We will thank them for their service, and they can move on. We want excitement about the process to create an excellent new school. Kyle wants forums and conversations that are not

so heated. We value faculty. We need to create a productive dialog between IE/EM and Kyle. We need to be thoughtful about the design. There is still room for input on the design. Poly is "legit"-- they should not feel like this is a negatively impact for them. This is a tremendous opportunity. CSE will continue to grow, so FSE is putting it on a bigger stage. Please communicate this to your faculty. Graduate program models in FSE have a broad based in design, but they do not work like that. This new school (CAI) might allow us to do things differently.

Jit: He has experienced more engagement in his class through Zoom. Doug said he has the same experience, as well as more office hour attendance. Rosa: She is teaching in person and everyone is attending.

Rosa: Does anyone else in this meeting have NIH funding? She has questions regarding IIA/cap salary/funding issues. Kyle is aware of the problem. Does anyone from SOLS or other schools have some experience with this? (Psychology – stretches 9 year pay) FSE will need to approve this way of solving the issue. Kyle asked Rosa to contact him about this.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2021
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