ECE Committee Meeting – Minutes

February 9, 2023

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

CP 303 / Zoom

Attendance

Voting Faculty: Max Laddomada, Debasis Dawn, Thillainathan Logenthiran, Mohammed Jasim, Nafiul

Siddique, Jenny Sheng, Matt Tolentino, Vahid Dargahi, Mike McCourt, Orlando Baiocchi

Non-Voting Faculty and Staff: Chris Barrett, Bob Landowski, Rachel Crook, Zaide Chavez, Beth Jeffrey,

Don McLane

Items

1) Approve the minutes of our ECE Curriculum meeting held on January 12, 2023

Moved: D. Dawn

Seconded: M. Tolentino

Eligible to vote: 10

10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain

2) Opportunities for our ECE Students with Air Force and Space Force (Guest: David Toro Garcia)

A recruiter from the Air Force shared a slideshow with the committee that covered different opportunities for students studying Electrical and Computer Engineering. They are specifically interested in recruiting Electrical Engineering students, and the recruiter provided more information on developmental engineer positions, their offered benefits, and the hiring process. There are three potential career paths within the Air Force and Space Force: acquisitions, testing, and academia. The recruiter was invited to join classes with ECE juniors and also in Senior Design.

3) Update on final ABET statement

During their visit in October, ABET had some concerns with our credit transfer process: "It was observed that transfer credits are not always incorporated into the degree audit reporting system in a timely manner or at all." There currently isn't a solution to this issue, since it is a bigger issue outside of SET

(this is a bigger issue that should be handled by the Registrar's office). This may be an issue, since ABET wants to see "meaningful change."

4) Updates from our ECE advisor

Registration opens 2/8, and the advisor encourages faculty to send students who run into issues directly to them so that they can help. Seniors planning to graduate this year need to apply to graduate as soon as possible. The committee was asked to remind any seniors in their classes of this, so that students don't forget to apply (if they don't apply, they can't graduate). The advisor also encouraged the committee to let them know of any students who are concerning/falling behind (not showing up, specifically seniors), or may be in danger of failing. The sooner faculty can let the advisor know about issues, the better.

5) Updates from our Faculty Council Representatives

The Provost in Seattle send a message to the Dean that they are seeing too many abstentions in tenure/promotion meetings. Faculty are encouraged to attend these meetings and to read all materials prior to these meetings, so that they are fully prepared to make a definitive vote. The committee discussed the need for more distinctive criteria for these tenure/promotion evaluations.