Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering

AGENDA & NOTES

Chairs' & Leadership Meeting – February 19th, 2025

1) Dean Updates
   - Reevaluation of TA Usage on Campus
     - Evaluate the Impact of a 50% Reduction in TA Budget
       - Assess the consequences of reducing the TA budget to 50% of last year's allocation.
     - Faculty committees and department chairs should review and consider scenarios for operating without TAs, especially in wet labs.
   - Key Discussion Points
     - Impact on Academic Programs: Identify and articulate the specific impacts on academic programs due to reduced TA support.
     - Impact on Faculty and Teaching (Fall 2025/Winter 2026): What would happen if there is no increase in the TA budget? How would it affect faculty workload and teaching?
     - Economic and Regional Impact: Communicate the economic, regional, and statewide consequences of cutting TAs, including potential effects on the broader education system.
     - Impact Across Course Categories: Analyze how cuts would affect various types of courses (e.g., labs, lectures).
     - Areas of Previous TA Reductions: Identify where TAs have already been reduced and how those areas were supplemented.
     - Engineering and Computer Science Needs: Emphasize the importance of maintaining an adequate number of TAs in fields like engineering and computer science. Explore the possibility of transferring certain duties to Undergraduate Learning Assistants (ULAs).
   - Ideally, discussions and strategies should be finalized by April/May
2) Updates Assoc Dean Undergrad (Liu) Not in attendance
3) Update from Assoc Dean Research and Grad (Barth)
   - 25% at target offers for 1st year Fellowships
4) Updates from Assoc Dean AP (Gupta) Did not provide any updates
5) Updates from Chair of Faculty (Rodgers) Did not provide any updates
6) Updates from Equity Advisor (Eldawy)
   - Reference: https://www.engr.ucr.edu/fame
     - Application deadline: March 3rd, 2025
     - Notification date: March 10th, 2025

- Workshop date: April 10-11, 2025
  - Please increase visibility and increase outreach for faculty participation
  - Need reviewers from each department
  - Workshop April 10-11, Mark your calendars for speakers on the 11th
  - Targeting PHD and post-doc (last two years), interested in faculty positions

7) Updates from Asst Dean Finance/Admin (Rackstraw) Introduced BCOE's new Executive Assistant, Jaime Tran

8) Updates from Asst Dean Development (Rabb) Did not provide any updates

9) Updates for Asst Dean Strategic Initiatives & Marketing (Sanford)
   - Department/Program Newsletters – Would like to start collecting from different department chairs to send to other schools and chairs to build reputation
   - Highlander Day (4/12/2025) and Transfer Day (5/3/2025)

10) Updates for Safety and Facilities (Cheung & Ambriz) Did not provide any updates

11) Systems/IT Updates (Gregory) Did not provide any updates

12) Chairs No departmental updates given

- BIEN (Hu)
- CEE (Cocker)
- CEN (Kim)
- CSE (Shelton)
- DS (Tsotras)
- ECE (Tuncel)
- ME (Xu)
- MSE (Guo)
- MSOL (Vafai)
- Robotics (Roy-Chowdhury)