

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021  
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

Attending:

O. Alagoz; M. Arnold; W. Block; R. Bonazza; E. Borbely; C. Brace; L. DeBaillie; G. Harrington;  
E. Harris; D. Ludois; G. Nellis; D. Noyce; B. Pflieger; I. Robertson; M. Romero

Absent:

O. Schmitz, C. Walters; A. Whitehorse

Announcements/Approval of December Minutes

December minutes approved unanimously.

Improving Culture and Climate in the College of Engineering

Motion to recommend approval of the “Improving Culture and Climate in the College of Engineering: Actions to Enhance the Culture, Inclusion, Equity and Diversity in Engineering Graduate Programs” document passed unanimously.

Comments:

- Important to improve climate and culture to stay competitive; incoming students, including majority students, ask about the climate and culture in the College.
- Review document every three years or less.
- Indicate that this document is one element of a more extension effort to improve the climate and culture in the College of Engineering. Other initiatives include wellness activities and improving mentoring. Additional statement to this effect will be added to the preamble.
- Activities around improving the climate and culture should not be viewed as ways to just avoid incidents; everyone should be interested in providing a welcoming climate and inclusive culture.

Professor of Research Title Guidelines

Motion to recommend approval of the guidelines as presented passed unanimously.

Edit first line of second paragraph on page 3 to read “Research Professors may ask to be promoted...”

Office of Engineering Professional Development Strategic Plan

Ed Borbely provided an update on the Office of Engineering Professional Development’s strategic planning effort.

By July 1, would like to change the name of the office to InterPro: Office of Interdisciplinary Professional Programs. Name change will help signify the transition to increased partnerships with CoE academic departments, other units on campus, such as the School of Business and CDIS, as well as corporate and technical organizations.

Developing a more efficient process in working with the academic departments to identify and offer courses through OEPD/InterPro. Some departments have started to include these courses when determining teaching workloads.

Are there any concerns on the part of DCS, CALS extension about expanding the reach of OEPP/InterPro?

Incorporate measures of success: still working on identifying priorities and metrics. Specifics will be added to the plan.

Other Business/Adjourn

Dan Ludois agreed to chair the review committee for the Power Conversion and Control capstone program's 5-year review. Peggy will follow-up via email to solicit additional review committee members.

Dean Robertson to present CoE budget plans at future APC meeting.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM