Guests: Ross Whitaker, Larry DeVries, Geoff Silcox
Excused: Al Davis, Tim Ameel, Milind Deo

Calendar
New Faculty Orientation Aug 19 8:30am - 4:30pm all new faculty encouraged to attend
Fall Faculty & Staff Meeting Aug 23 2:00pm
UofU Block Party Oct 12 Stanford Game
Scholarship Banquet Oct 24 Rice Eccles Stadium
ENAC Nov 1 Adobe, Lehi UT

Announcements/Follow up
New Funding: Several major new research awards have been received by college faculty, including PSAAP II and the FLUX group. MRSEC just completed their review a couple weeks ago. This was an informal outside two-year review which they felt went very well.

Dean Brown recently met with Vivian Lee to catch up on things in general and to introduce her to the new Center for Engineering Innovation. She was very positive about CEI providing prototyping services. We will identify a department in Medical School that would like to be connected to engineering and arrange a meeting with our faculty and Medical School faculty to find common interests around which proposals can be written.

A suggestion was made to improve the collaboration between different colleges on campus: in all publications and communications that mention students, the student’s department should be listed. This will give credit where it is due and encourage collaboration.

BEEF Funding – Thank you for your proposals. All of the result information has now been distributed.

Mentors for Jr. Faculty – As an action item reminder from June’s Executive Committee meeting, please send the dean your department’s list of junior faculty mentors.

PR Support for Departments – The college is hiring another person to work under Dr. Risbud to help with writing in the college. This will give us more capacity to help departments with their newsletters and other publications. Dan is also happy to help with photographs and design. Nathan will help with websites.

Development Support for Departments – Marilyn and Josh are very good and are available to help the departments. The brightest thing that’s happened with donation is the matching of $1000 and $2000 gifts. Thank you for supporting companies that are trying to connect with your faculty. Please help to ensure that donations which are given do not go unused. It’s difficult to inform the donor that no student was found eligible for their donation.
**Discussion Items:**

1. **Report on Hiring Season**
   - SOC – 5 positions (1 for SCI) – 1 accepted
   - ECE – 4 positions – 2 accepted
   - ME – 5 positions – 2 accepted
   - MSE – 2 positions – both filled
   - BIO – 4 positions, 2 accepted and currently in negotiations with 2 more
   - CVEE – 3 positions – all positions filled. (One of the positions was for Department Chair)
   - CHEM- 2 positions – 1 filled. Additionally one hire in the Nuclear program is also a chemical engineer and he will be sharing teaching in the Chemical Department.

2. **High School Engineering / CS Courses** – The new Outreach idea to teach engineering courses in high schools has matured. Stacy Firth has recently been hired, and she is teaching an introduction to engineering course this year at Olympus High. This course will first be taught at Olympus High, then in a flipped-classroom (remote) format to other schools in the Granite school district and later to other school districts. This is a year-long course that will provide plenty of time to explore each engineering/CS discipline. She would like to know what the departments would like to have presented to freshmen and sophomores. Next year, she will pilot a senior-level class that will require students to be enrolled in calculus and physics.

   The School of Computing is planning to offer a Fundamentals of Computer Science course which Jim de St. Germain and Erin Parker have designed as a flipped class for the university; it will be available next year as a concurrent enrollment course taught at a junior level.

3. **Direct Admission to Majors** – There are several reasons why we should admit qualified Freshmen directly into the majors:

   1. **Recruitment of Top Students**
      Direct admission can be used as another tool for recruiting top students. Since other schools in Utah don’t currently do this, we can make the U more attractive by eliminating the second hurdle getting into their major. This is also a chance to establish a relationship that seems more supportive of the student in their major.

   2. **Retention Reporting (Pre-engineering vs. majors)**
      The academic world has become sensitized to retention and now the legislature is concerned with retention as well. ASEE has started collecting retention data. In their survey, pre-engineering students are considered the incoming cohort unless a department does direct admission, in which case, the directly-admitted students are the incoming cohort.

      It will be important for us to get access to high school transcripts for applicants, and then to track the students’ progress through their graduation, so that we can better predict which students will succeed, and should therefore be directly admitted.