

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting (2/2009) held in 1.105 on Tuesday, 26th May 2009 at 2.30pm.

Attend:	A/Prof G. Alici	Prof T. McCarthy
	Prof H. Brown	Dr B. Monaghan
	Dr A. Calka	Dr S. Needham
	Dr Z. Chen	A/Prof S. Nightingale
	A/Prof P. Cooper	Dr A. Pan
	A/Prof C. Fergusson	Ms A. Phillips
	A/Prof P Gibson	Prof E. Pereloma
	Mr T. Goldfinch	Ms L. Pollard
	Dr C. Freeth	A/Prof I. Porter
	A/Prof Muhammad Hadi	Dr. C. Rujikathamjorn
	Mrs R. Hamlet (secretary)	Dr N. Sheikh
	Dr D. Hastie	A/Prof R. Vickers
	A/Prof M. Hadi	Dr. J. Vinod
	A/Prof Z. Jiang	A/Prof G. Wang
	Dr B. Kosasih	Dr K. Ward
	A/Prof B. Lemass	Dr D. Wexler
	Prof R. Lewis	A/Prof P. Wypych
	Dr. W. Li	A/Prof S. Yang
	Dr M. Liu	Prof C. Zhang
	Mr R. Marshall	Dr Y. Zhao

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence**

Rian Dippenaar, Michael Lerch, Bill Zealey, Oliver Kennedy, Ernest Baafi

1.2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 1/2009

Confirmed

1.3 Business Arising from the Minutes

None

2. DEAN'S BUSINESS**2.1 Environment**

Cathy Bale and Alison Scobie from the UoW Environment Team summarised the New Recycling Model.

There will be centralised access to rubbish, mixed recycling and high quality paper; rubbish and recycling bins in kitchens and recycling bins under desks. For further information the web link is

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/environment/>

2.2 Accreditation

Engineers Australia have begun accrediting Masters Degrees. Basic Engineering accreditation may in future be a 5 year degree.

2.3 Senate Debate

Senate has proposed that the wider University community engaged in thinking about "Big Picture" issues, such as should there be "teaching only positions, or how can we best meet the 40% degree targets etc".

3. REPORTS**3.1 School Reports:****3.1.1 School of Civil, Mining and Environmental Engineering**

New Structures Lecturer position advertised. Mining position filled at Senior Lecturer level. Severe Technical staff shortage due to high student numbers has been addressed, and a new technical staff position to be advertised. There is urgent need for casual staff to continue. Dr Long Nghiem has been awarded the Faculty OCTAL Award for early career academics and Prof Buddhima Indraratna has received highly commended for Industry Research Partnerships.

3.1.2 School of Engineering Physics

Women in Physics Lecture had been held at the Science Centre.

3.1.3 School of Mechanical, Materials and Mechatronic Engineering

The welding and joining position to replace John Norrish has been advertised. Funding has been allocated for completing the Building 8 refurbishment and it is hoped that funding will also be allocated to complete the Building 1 refurbishment.

3.2 Faculty Operations:**3.2.1 Technical Staff**

Funding has been allocated for a two year limited term position in the workshop due to SMART building and relocations. Staff resources tabled.

3.2.2 Administration Staff

Successful prize night had been held. Admin staff have asked for patience while teething problems with new Assignment collection system are overcome.

3.3 Marketing Reports:**3.3.1 Recent International Initiatives**

The Dean and Anji Phillips had been to Malaysia to see groups of students who have JPA and MARA Scholarships. The Faculty will host visits from Malaysia to see the campus. Roadshows had been held in India. Feedback has been received regarding the importance of native language web pages so we are looking at featuring this on our web pages. New pg prospectus on the web. Feedback of this was requested. Launch of MPE sustainability subject to be developed. Dubai campus marketing team has visited.

3.3.2 Domestic Marketing

Southern and Illawarra Career Markets have been attended and Country Markets in Forbes Bathurst and Wagga. Each Faculty will have its Dean, a current student and a graduate student attending the UoW Year 12 Information Night. Marta Fernandez has attended a conference to distribute information and advertise our Asset Maintenance Course.

3.4 Faculty Committee Reports:**3.4.1 Faculty Education Committee**

Results of the Student Experience Questionnaire have been received. Satisfaction for Engineering was 93% up 11% from last year. Teaching quality 83% satisfaction with 98% overall. Learning support is only 78%. The University is considering abolishing PCs and PRs. Students achieving 45-49 may be able to re-sit exams according to meeting certain criteria. The FEC recommends that the Faculty adopt this proposal to offer a supplementary assessment on case by case basis. A vote was held and the recommendation was adopted.

3.4.2 Faculty Research Council and Committee

RIS publications are down from last year. RIGB applications have been ranked. The budget allocation is \$120,000.

3.4.3 Faculty Workplace Advisory Committee

Lab self inspection forms have been distributed. Follow-up inspections are scheduled for session break and the Dean and Heads of School will be participating in the inspection teams. Wayne Ireland is the central collection point for risk assessments etc.

3.4.4 Faculty Workload Committee Report

No report.

3.5 Other Reports:**3.5.1 Commercialisation**

No report.

4. ELECTIONS OF SENATE COMMITTEE REPS (5 positions)

Richard Dwight, Gursel Alici, Alexey Pan and Buddhima Indraratna were nominated. Ian Porter is an ex-officio member. The Dean to appoint additional representative.

5. ELECTION OF PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE REPS

Academic Female (1 yr from 1.10.2009) – A/Prof Sharon Nightingale nominated.

Academic Male (1 yr from 1.10.2009) – Prof Tim McCarthy nominated.

6. ELECTION OF FACULTY REPS

Arts (2 yrs) – Dr Jan Nemcik nominated

Commerce (2 yrs) – A/Prof Peter Gibson nominated

Creative Arts (2 yrs) – Dr Ajit Godbole nominated

Education (2 yrs) – Dr Buyung Kosasih nominated

Health & Behavioural Science (2 yrs) – A/Prof Ian Porter nominated

Informatics (2 yrs) – A/Prof Gursel Alici nominated

Law (2 yrs) – Dr Neaz Sheikh nominated

Science (2 yrs) – A/Prof Rodney Vickers nominated

Graduate School of Business (2 yrs) – Dr Srinivas Pinjala nominated

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 8th September 2009, 2.30pm, Room 1.105