Minutes
Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics
March 7, 2011

Attending: Bruckner, Feraboli, Hermanson, Jarboe, Kurosaka, Lin, Mattick, Mesbahi, Milroy, Morgansen, Shumlak, You; Catlett, Ingram, Maczko

Absent: Breidenthal, Dabiri, Ferrante, Hoffman, Holsapple, Livne, Slough

MINUTES
Minutes of the February 7, 2011 and February 28, 2011 meetings were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
• This will be a regular faculty meeting and not a Mubadala-centric meeting
• A&A Banquet will be held Friday, May 20. Invitations will be mailed April 18th.
• A complaint recently submitted concerning inadequate lighting in parking lot C17 has been fixed. Please let Jim or Lynn know if anything in or around the building in not functioning properly.
• Lynn Catlett will be sending out detailed instructions on when and how to submit Procard receipts. Timely completion of this task is required and expected so that Carmela Halos (Fiscal Specialist Supervisor) is not overloaded with last minute submittals.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Computer Committee: no report

Graduate Committee: Prof. Lin. – Thanked Wanda Frederick and Deidre Girard for all of their hard work completing the review process for autumn quarter graduate applications.

Final Admission Statistics for autumn 2011:
• 240 applicants total
• 42% were admitted
• 4 RA offers (1 each in controls, fluids, plasma, structures) + large fellowships
• 13 TA offers + 8 small fellowships (distributed over each discipline)
• 2 offers of paid tuition to Air Force applicants (both controls)

Spring 2011 Statistics (this will be the last year for spring graduate admissions)
• 22 applicants
• 27% admitted
• 5 incomplete of post-master’s pending advisor

Undergrad Committee: Prof. Bruckner – Committee is dealing with Mubadala curriculum issues. The committee has come up with acceptable curriculum for first two years. The biggest issue is that we have a quarter based system and they have semesters. Mubadala students will be offered essentially the same courses we have here. ASE – course designator they will use when their courses are up and running. Packet has been pre-vetted by FCAS and SCAP and will be submitted tomorrow.

Safety Committee: nothing to report

Search Committee: Prof. Hermanson commented that conducting a new search is subject to budget issues and Dean O’Donnell will not approve a new search until things are clearer with the budget situation between now and June.
Peer Review Committee: Prof. Kurosaka - Assistant professor reviews will take place this week and next. Associate professor reviews will take place in the spring quarter.

Boeing Professorship Committee: no report

Diversity Committee: no report

Instructional Lab Committee: no report

Social Committee: no report

Space Allocation & Utilization Committee: Prof. Bruckner – The next meeting will be March 9th at 11:30am. There are still a few issues to deal with concerning the Wind Tunnel and the lab shift in AERB but considerable progress has already been made. The department has reached a critical point on space and future space needs may have to go off campus. Any needs for space in the future must be taken to Professor Hermanson and/or Professor Bruckner.

Space Systems Committee: no report

Strategic Planning Committee: no report

UWAL Committee: no report

AIAA: Prof. Dabiri – Six students are registered for the upcoming conference. Enrollment has been lean this year because of budget crunches at other schools. It was noted that if we decided not to send a student this year to save money, it would be the first time we didn’t send a student. We will be hosting the 2012 conference. We last hosted in 2003 and everything went smoothly and the department was able to provide funding.

Sigma Gamma Tau: Prof. You reported that the chapter has nominated Alyssa Sorenson for an award.

CoE Accreditation Continuous Improvement Committee: no report

CoE CEP Committee: no report

CoE EDGE/UWEO Advisory Committee: no report

CoE Executive Committee: no report

CoE Promotion & Tenure Committee: no report

CoE Council: Prof. Lin – Some departments in the college are discussing a professionals master’s program to generate additional income. Our graduate committee is not currently considering this option, although it has been considered in the past. It was felt that it would compromise the quality of the program; courses and requirements would have to be “watered down”. ME converted their entire master’s program and the higher fees go directly to the department and CE is considering a move in the same direction. Professor Hermanson asked Professor Shumlak look into what other departments are doing and to bring a summary to the next faculty meeting on April 4th.

Engineering Manufacturing Steering Committee: no report

UW Faculty Fellows: no report

UW Faculty Senate: no report

BOEING DEPARTMENT NAMING
We have apparently received a response from Boeing offering 8.5 million spread out over several years. Our counter-response was approximately 14.1 million plus adding the Boeing name to the Chair’s title. If we count previous gifts to the department in our offer, the “new money” would be approximately 12 million. We will not consider much less. Professor Feraboli feels if Boeing offers us 10 million, we should not walk away because the Boeing name would be beneficial to the department. Professor
Hermanson does not want to undersell the department especially when 14 to 15 million is considered fair market value.

MUBADALA
The program is moving along slowly, though there have been no updates from Mubadala since the London meeting on February 28th.

NEW BUSINESS
None

ADJOURNED
Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.