Minutes
Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics
June 4, 2012

Attending: Breidenthal, Bruckner, Dabiri, Ferrante, Hermanson, Jarboe, Kurosaka, Lin, Livne, Milroy, Shumlak, You; Catlett, Maczko
Absent: Feraboli, Mesbahi, Morgansen, Slough

MINUTES
Minutes of the May 2012 meeting were approved unanimously. Minutes of the February 2012 meeting were approved: 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• The search for the new Counseling Services Coordinator position is moving forward. We’ve received 63 applications and interviews will be scheduled for next week. This position is 75% FTE; UWEO pays for 50% of this position and the department will cover the remaining 25% until the new PMP program begins to generate an income.
• Comments from the 10 year review have been received and the department’s response to the comments has been submitted.
• Professor Kristi Morgansen has been appointed Deputy Director of the Center for Sensorimotor Neural Engineering (CSNE).
• Mubadala update – Mubadala is not funding new education initiatives. They will begin setting aside monies for the program.
• Faculty search candidate Mihailo Jovanovic will be visiting campus Wednesday, June 6th. Prof. Hermanson encouraged all faculty to make time to meet with him if possible.
• Prof. Hermanson met with Boeing focal Kourosh Hadi. Action items on both ends were discussed to help strengthen Boeing connections, increase exposure and student involvement, and increase internships.
• Boeing Naming discussions are continuing. Dean O’Donnell has spoken with Todd Zarfos and Boeing is interested in restarting negotiations. Boeing has finally agreed to speak with the A&A Department directly.
• The department graduation ceremony is this Saturday, June 9th. All faculty are encouraged to attend. Leland Nicolai is the keynote speaker.
• The department picnic is Tuesday, June 12th. Anyone who has not RSVP’d was encouraged to do so since food will only be served to those with food tickets.
• There is some preliminary news on the budget situation. The College of Engineering will see an increase although how much each department will receive is unspecified.
• Kim Maczko is the HR representative for the department so any future hiring requests should be directed to her.
• Dennis Peterson is retiring in July which will leave only Dzung Tran to run the shop. This change should lower the shop charge to approximately $65/hour. Lynn Catlett asked the faculty to submit projections of future use of the shop. There was some discussion that future monies to come into the department could be earmarked for the shop to lower the hourly rate.
REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Computer Committee: Prof. Shumlak - STF was funded. The committee will get together next week to make final decisions on which computers to purchase.

Undergraduate Committee: Prof. Bruckner — The committee is following through on updating the course catalogue. A much clearer continuation policy has been developed: If a student doesn’t achieve XYZ, they will be put on probation, and after that, they will be expelled from the program. All ‘maybes’ have been removed from the policy. However, the University is also developing a new continuation policy, so department level discussions have been tabled until the fall. Our department currently has no students on probation this year so far. All juniors are expected to move forward.

Graduate Committee: Wanda Frederick – There is an update in the PMP. It will now be presented as a modification of the current MAE and not as a new degree. The degree structure is 9-four credit courses and 9-one credit courses. It will include a seminar which will be taped for PMP students. Students will take 4 core courses and 3 breadth courses. Courses still need to be developed since these courses will be different from current courses. Members of the graduate committee will be working within each area to develop these courses. There will be revenue from the program to pay for additional lecturers to teach the classes.

Academic Program Review: Prof. Hermanson – Update was given during the announcements.

Strategic Planning Committee: Prof. Hermanson – Monthly meetings have been scheduled to help execute plans in a more timely manner.

Sigma Gamma Tau: Prof. You – Invitations to 27 juniors and seniors have been sent out. One graduate student has accepted.

No report from the following committees: Safety; Peer Review; Search; AIAA; Space; Boeing Professorship; Diversity; Instructional Lab; Social; Space Systems; UWAL; CoE Accreditation Continuous Improvement; CoE CEP; CoE EDGE/UWEO Advisory; CoE Executive; CoE Council, CoE Promotion & Tenure; Engineering Manufacturing Steering; UW Faculty Fellows; UW Faculty Senate; Strategic Planning; AIAA; Sigma Gamma Tau

JOVANOVIC OFFER DISCUSSION
Negotiations with Mihailo Jovanovic for an Associate Professor position have begun. These are the current issues:

- Retirement is better at Mihailo’s current university.
- Cost of living is higher in Seattle.
- Put on A/B plan. The regular faculty line provides the “A-funding,” the B-supplement to come from the faculty member’s funding.
- First two years of B could be in his startup money and then he will supplement after that through research grant funding.
- A/B might not be supported by the Dean’s office or Provost’s office. Mihailo’s current research grant and contracts are not particularly strong.

MOTION: Will the department suggest an A/B plan as stated in the term sheet? Subject to usual approvals, we will provide first two years. 3.5 accepted. Not accept 6.5.
MOTION: Offer him $1200/mo salary and mention A/B as something he can work toward. 8 yes, 3 against.
MOTION: Add Boeing professorship “on top” of startup? 0.5 yes, 12.5 no
MOTION: Should the department revote on extending an offer to Mihailo since the terms have changed? Moved and seconded. Revote – 4, no revote – 5, abstain - 1

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNED
Meeting adjourned at 18:10.