

College of Engineering
North Dakota State University
Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 7th, 2025, 3-4pm, Dolve 118

Attending:

CoE: Alan Kallmeyer, Scott Pryor

ABEN: Leon Schimacher, Sulaymon Eshkabilov, Xinhua Jia

CCEE: Dinish Katti, Kalpana Katti, Trung Le, Mijia Yang, Yao Yu

CS: Ajay Jha, Simone Ludwig, Pretap Kotala

ECE: Jacob Glower

IME: Harun Pirim

ME: Jordi Estevadeordal, Adam Gladen, Ghodrat Karami, William Refling, Majura Selekwa, Bora Suzen, Xiangfa Wu, Yan Zhang

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 3:06pm

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion to approve Feb 3 and April 3 minutes (Katti, Karami). Motion approved

3. Announcements

(Kallmeyer) Starting with the building update. The building is going up and is on schedule. CCEE will be remodeled during Fa25 / Sp26. Likewise, this summer the entire CCEE building is being emptied. Labs, faculty, and staff are being moved to temporary locations for this coming year. The goal is to have the remodel done by Fa26.

Starting Fa26, civil should be back in their building and the new building should be ready for moving in. Remodeling of ECE will also start Fa26 and be done by Fa27. Once construction and remodeling is complete, each department should be back in their current buildings – save for ABEN which will be in their new building.

Legislature: NDSU's New Horizons initiative was proposed to the State Legislature with a \$35M ask. The ND Senate reduced this to \$12M and the ND House is still debating the bill. If funded, the money would support programs in robotics, material sciences, energy engineering, and other programs. It will also support outreach, exchanges, and extended K-12 outreach. The scope of what is possible depends, of course, on what is ultimately passed and signed.

Salaries: Nothing is firm yet on faculty salaries and possible raises yet. It's looking like a 3% + 3% raise over the next two years – but that's not finalized yet.

Federal Grants: Some grants have been impacted and scholarships are being reviewed for DEI content. How federal policies affect grants related to tribal colleges is unclear since these relate to sovereign nations. It's also unclear how scholarships are affected – especially when the scholarship is ear-marked by an individual donor.

NDSU Distinguished Professor: CoE submitted two nominations for the University Distinguished Professorship Award. One award will be given to a faculty member from each college, for a total of five awards this year.

(Pryor): Enrollment at NDSU is up by 3.5% in terms of applications, 3.1% for committed students, and 18% for transfer students. Transfer students have a large impact on our teaching production since they take more courses from CoE from the start.

In terms of ABET, the draft exit statement was received three weeks ago with our response due on April 10th. Overall, things look good. This summer, we will meet again with the ABET team chair with the final statement coming out in August.

4. Committee Announcements/Reports

Executive: Upcoming CoE meetings:

- Monday May 5, 3-4pm

R&G: No report

AA (Zhang): Four nominations for the GTA teaching award have been received and are being reviewed. Nominations for other teaching awards are due Friday, April 11th.

R&G: No report

Senate: No report

5. Old Business

Elections: The following faculty were elected to the following positions:

- CoE Senators: Ghodrat Karami (ME) & Trung Le (CCEE)
- NDSU Academic Affairs: Open
- NDSU Campus Space and Facility: Xinhua Jia (ABEN)
- NDSU Conflict of Interest: Yao Yu (CCEE)
- NDSU Curriculum (alt): Open
- NDSU Faculty Affairs: Xiangfa Wu (ME)
- NDSU General Education: Jordi Estevadeordal (ME)
- NDSU Research and Consulting: Fardad Azarmi (ME)
- NDSU Tech & Instructional Services: Majura Selekwa (ME)
- NDSU Assessment: Adam Ding (CCEE)
- CoE Secretary: Jake Glower (ECE)

- CoE Presiding Officer: Jake Glower (ECE)

(Motion to suspend the CoE Bylaws to allow Jake Glower to serve a second term as CoE Secretary was approved with unanimous consent.)

(Suzen) Bill 1437 (post-tenure review) passed the ND Senate and may become state law. This bill specifies the make-up of each department's post-tenure review committee (chair, another administrator, and one or two faculty). It also specifies when tenured faculty need to go through the PTR process. Discussions of this can be found in the Forum.

editor's note: Bill 1437 is available at the ND Government website.

- https://ndlegis.gov/assembly/69-2025/regular/bill-index/bi1437.html?bill_year=2025&bill_number=1437

6. New Business

none

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm

Respectfully submitted, 4/8/25

Jake Glower