

Assembly of the Fulton Schools of Engineering
November 7, 2012, Old Main Carson Ballroom

A meeting of the Assembly of the Fulton Schools of Engineering (AFSE) commenced at 4:00 p.m., having been brought to order by the Chair of the Executive Committee, Prof. Marco Saraniti. Approximately 80 members of the AFSE were in attendance.

The composition of the Officers of the AFSE were listed, specifically, President (and Dean) Paul Johnson, elected Secretary Keith Holbert (ECEE), and appointed Parliamentarian Marc Mignolet (SEMTE). In addition, the Executive Committee members comprised of two members from each school as well as the Secretary were introduced at the meeting (all were in attendance). The present Executive Committee members from the schools are James Abbas (SBHSE), Howard Bashford (SSEBE), Esmá Gel (SCIDSE), Marcus Herrmann (SEMTE), Huan Liu (SCIDSE), Ram Pendyala (SSEBE), Daniel Rivera (SEMTE), Marco Saraniti (ECEE), Bruce Towe (SBHSE), and Vijay Vittal (ECEE).

Dean Johnson gave a State of the College address. A spider chart of the metrics for the college was shown with progress to date and goals to reach by 2017. The target research expenditures per faculty was arrived at from the ratio of the expected 270 faculty members and total goal of \$120 million in research, leading to ~ \$450K/yr per faculty member. A near-term goal is to hire 25 new faculty annually in order to reach the mark of 270. The Dean stated that faculty would be hearing more from unit directors about new metrics resulting from the Arizona Board of Regents Vision 2020 (see <https://azregents.asu.edu/rrc/DocumentLibrary/2020-Vision.pdf>). While retention rates have increased, graduation rates and time-to-degree have not. The college's first NSF-funded Engineering Research Center—QESST (Quantum Energy and Sustainable Solar Technologies)—was noted as positive progress in the area of research. The Dean also emphasized the positive impact that faculty entrepreneurial activities can have, and the inaugural Fulton Entrepreneurial Faculty were introduced.

The revised Bylaws were presented to the Assembly for comment. The prior version of the Bylaws was approved by the (Faculty) Assembly on March 30, 2011. Prof. Saraniti stepped item-by-item through the changes made to the Bylaws. Most of these alterations were in response to conflicts and observations made by university and college officials, for instance, wording in conflict with existing university policies (e.g., ACD manual) was corrected. A vote on the new version will be held in the near future.

A template for a Faculty Exemplars program for engineering was revealed. The Dean would like this program to be in place by spring such that the first group of Exemplars is in place for Fall 2013. A question from the audience was raised regarding the eligibility of lecturers, especially in regard to the suggestion that Exemplars be chosen from each of the ranks (this question perhaps may have been raised due to the titling of the exemplars as a “faculty” program).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by K. Holbert, Secretary