

Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee of the AFSE
November 7, 2025, in BYENG 420

Present: Barbara Smith (SBHSE), Avi Wiesel (SSEBE), Brian Atkinson (TPS), Yanchao Zhang (ECEE), Dianne Hansford (secretary *pro tem*-SCAI), Guoliang Xue (SCAI), Nancy Cooke (TPS), Shaopeng Wang (SBHSE), Hyunglae Lee (SEMTE), Treavor Boyer (SSEBE), Ron Calhoun (SEMTE), Xi Yu (MSN), Ted Pavlic (SCAI)

Absent: Yong-Hang Zhang (ECEE), Xiangyu Guo (MSN)

Guests: Kelli Haren

1. Minutes unanimously approved from the meeting on October 3, 2025.

2. Dean's Dissertation Award

The EC discussed new methods of determining ranking. Updates will be made to the template spreadsheet in preparation for spring semester.

3. Dean's Distinguished Lecture

The EC discussed methods for finding a suitable speaker for this event. All were in favor of Avi's idea of asking [Regent's Professors](#) to suggest speakers. Professors in engineering or related fields will be contacted by Barbara and/or Kelli.

The EC discussed the purpose of this lecture. As described on the [AFSE website](#), the lecture should create connections and visibility for ASU. Would a speaker from industry be as suitable as an academic speaker?

Ted suggested a Foundation connection – invite a donor or potential donor. Kelli remarked that this is the format of the Hall of Fame event.

Nancy suggested a panel instead of speaker, or as a different event. Again, the Foundation could help find funding for sponsorship of panel.

4. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting:

Friday, December 5, 2025

12:00 – 1:00pm in [Zoom](#)