

FACULTY MEETING MINUTES**3:00 – 4:15 p.m.****March 26, 2026****FRNY 3059 & Zoom**

Faculty Attending: Bao, Basaran, Beaudoin, Bernal, Chutka, Corti, Gounder, Harris, Hebner, Iglesia, Li, Liu, Martinez, Masuku, Miller, Morgan, Nagy, Pol, Reklaitis, Ristroph, Sirola, Tackett, Thomson, Won, Yuan

Staff Attending: Bryar, DeLong, Fackelman, Gonzalez, Johnson, Nagy, Zvinevich

The February 19, 2026 faculty meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Announcements:

- Jordan Bryar has joined CoE/ChE as the Senior Communications and Marketing Manager, please direct communications tasks to her (FRNY 1060E)
- The ChE Intranet site is being redesigned to serve as a centralized repository for documents, policies, and institutional knowledge, improving organization and accessibility.
- AIChE Regional Student Conference: March 27-28
- Still accepting ChE Staff Excellence Award nominations, please see Joshua's email
- Kelly Lecturer Dr. Jeffrey Hubbell (NYU), April 6-8
 - Main lecture/banquet: Tuesday, April 7
 - Wednesday: second lecture or only faculty meetings?
- 2026 DEA, Dr. Chris Bowman (UC Boulder): Thursday, April 9
- Graduate Seminar Series Speakers:
 - Dr. Sydney Hollingshead (Eli Lilly) – April 2 (safety seminar)
 - COL Corey James, PhD – April 14
 - Dr. Alfred J. Crosby – April 16
- Voting survey for OChE Awards will be distributed soon
- The Outstanding UG Awards & Senior Banquet are on Thursday, April 30 @ Lafayette Country Club. Please see Karissa's email to RSVP by Friday, April 17
- CoE faculty Video Project (2 minutes or less)

Fall 2026 Seminar Proposal Discussion:

The seminar coordinators have incorporated the additional feedback provided by faculty to the seminar memo and have created a seminar speaker nomination form for the Fall semester: <https://forms.gle/Q6c9caiQiRA523YB7>
All requests for seminars will be made via the link above. There will be flexibility for additional seminar speakers such as for Talent Based Hiring, Alumni, etc.

Elements 2025 Faculty Annual Performance and Merit Review Discussion:

David S. Corti provided a guidance document outlining the Elements review process, and faculty may contact Joshua Gonzalez to request a copy. The process consists of four stages with shared responsibilities between faculty and reviewers. Stage 1 requires faculty to record activities for the 2025 calendar year, which is now based on the calendar year rather than the academic year, and includes careful completion of two S-4 sections; the deadline is April 15, 2026. Stage 2 involves the reviewer evaluating the submission and providing written feedback. Stage 3 allows faculty to respond to the feedback, with a deadline of May 15, 2026. Stage 4 is completed by the School Head, who finalizes the review and documents the merit decision by June 30, 2026. All deadlines are firm and must be met. Should you

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have questions with the Elements software, you may submit a ticket for help via the TDX system (https://service.purdue.edu/TDClient/32/Purdue/Requests/TicketRequests/NewForm?ID=bK-94dK34Fk_&RequestorType=Service). Colleges also have College Success Managers (CSM) who provide training and support; the assigned contact is Ashlee Messersmith (ajmesser@purdue.edu).

School of ChE Priorities Discussion, presented by David Corti:

The Davidson School of Chemical Engineering outlined the need to proactively establish and advance School priorities rather than delaying action until a new Head is appointed, emphasizing that further delays could hinder progress. To address this, leadership plans to gather faculty input, including through the August retreat, and proposes forming a “ChE Cabinet” composed of key leadership and committee chairs to guide priority setting and meet regularly. Additional initiatives include enhancing the School’s visibility through updated marketing strategies, including newsletters and digital content, encouraging faculty engagement on platforms like LinkedIn, and launching a fundraising effort to support critical lab renovations in older Forney Hall spaces. A faculty survey will be distributed to identify renovation needs and help inform these priorities.

Undergraduate Committee:

Note: Due to a technical issue, details of this report are not available at this time. This section will be updated once a summary is received.

Graduate Recruiting Committee:

1. Decisions from outstanding offers are expected by April 15.
2. Faculty may be asked to meet with international or virtual admits; coordination will be managed by Bev Johnson and the Graduate Office.

Graduate Committee:

1. Nothing new to report.

Faculty Search Committee:

1. There was a clear leading candidate, and David Corti began outreach; however, the Provost’s Office subsequently requested that all departments involved in the cluster hire pause offers. While the pause was initially expected to be resolved within a few days, no further updates have been provided, including to the College. As a result, all activity remains on hold, and negotiations cannot proceed until approval is received. If the delay extends into the following week, there is a risk of losing the candidates. The reason for the pause has not been communicated, and the participating departments have expressed concern. Further updates will be shared as they become available.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.