

**FACULTY MEETING MINUTES****3:00 – 4:15 p.m.****April 18, 2024****FRNY 3059 & Zoom**

Faculty Attending: Agrawal, Bao, Beaudoin, Bernal, Caruthers, Clark, Corti, Dou, Gounder, Greeley, Iglesia, Kim, Li, Liu, Martinez, Masuku, Mentzer, Miller, Morgan, Nagy, Narsimhan, Pol, A. Raman, Ramkrishna, Reklaitis, Ribeiro, Savoie, Schultz, Sirola, Tackett, Thomson, Topp, Wang, Won, Yuan

Staff Attending: Finkbiner, Gonzalez, Guerrero, Johnson, Nagy, Raderstorf, Zvinevich

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The March 21, 2024 faculty meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Announcements:

- The process for selecting the 2024 Mellichamp Lecturer has started, please be sure to respond to Joshua Gonzalez's emails.
- Courtesy Appointment seminar for Kurt Ristroph is scheduled for April 23, 2024 in FRNY 3059 from 9:00am – 10:15 am
- Purdue Day of Giving will be on April 24, 2024
- Senior Banquet will be held at 6:00pm in the Shively Club on April 25, 2024

Dean Arvind Raman Town Hall:

Dean Raman desires to hold town halls with faculty once a semester yet finds the simplest solution is to visit faculty meetings throughout the College ensuring he can reach more faculty and will likely continue this for the future. His main purpose was to go over his goals on strategic initiatives and seek feedback from our faculty. A main highlight he mentioned was that Purdue will be the single largest producer of engineers (bachelor's degrees) in the country, if you include the students who are graduating in Indianapolis this fall. This will not really be official until fall of 2025 when ASEE releases the data. However, this does not mean Purdue is the largest by enrollment, but we will be producing more engineers than any other college in the country come next year. Also, among those graduating, we are currently the #2 producer of women engineers nationally and when looking at trends we can be the #1 in the next three years. Further topics were covered and discussed with faculty. If you would like to view the entire discussion, please contact Joshua Gonzalez.

Undergraduate Committee:

1. Karissa reminded the faculty to vote for the student awards before the Monday deadline. For the Junior and Senior awards, all of the eligible students (with a 3.9 GPA or higher) have been contacted for resumes. Should you want to see those please contact Karissa Raderstorf. Faculty took the opportunity to nominate students for the various awards.

Graduate Recruiting Committee:

1. Professor Raj Gounder highlighted some colloquium statistics such as there being 43 total in-person offers made of which 18 accepted (42% acceptance). There were 31 total virtual offers made of which 24 accepted (77% acceptance). Overall, there were 132 offers made and 47 students accepted (an overall acceptance of 36%). Of these students one deferred from last year, two are Ramki pre-admits from ICT, and three are PMRI students.

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Professor Gounder noted that it is getting exceedingly difficult to recruit domestic students and mentioned we have lost students to Stanford, MIT, Princeton, etc. however our School is still attracting the right students. This led to a conversation regarding revisiting the stipend offered to students. A recommendation was to increase the stipend to \$40k just to keep up with other Midwest institutions. Should you like to discuss these topics further or review the spreadsheets Dr. Gounder provided please reach to him.

2. This will be the first year that we are participating in the ACS Bridge Program which is meant to offer underrepresented student groups the opportunity to get into a PhD program. Professor Kelly Schultz is helping with the program as she has prior experience from running it at her last institution. With this, the committee is interviewing a few more students over the next few weeks. This program should help increase the domestic acceptance rate as well as increase the diversity pools.

Graduate Committee:

1. Nothing new to report.

Faculty Search Committee:

1. A discussion occurred regarding the survey results for ChE seeking a Moveable Dream hire offer for Dr. Pushkar P. Lele. There were nineteen respondents with ten of them voting yes and nine voting no. Ultimately, faculty agreed to invite Dr. Lele to a seminar in the fall semester. Thereafter, the topic will be revisited at the following faculty meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.