

FACULTY MEETING MINUTES**3:00 – 4:15 p.m.****December 11, 2025****FRNY 3059 & Zoom**

Faculty Attending: Bao, Beaudoin, Bernal, Clark, Corti, Gounder, Harris, Hebner, Hibbitts, Liu, Martinez, Masuku, Mentzer, Miller, Morgan, Narsimhan, Reklaitis, Ribeiro, Robert, Schultz, Siirola, Tackett, Wang, Won

Staff Attending: DeLong, Gonzalez, Moser, Nagy

The November 13, 2025 faculty meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Announcements:

- Faculty & Staff Appreciation Reception is scheduled for tomorrow, Dec. 12 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. at the Purdue Memorial Union West Faculty Lounge
- The CoE Staff Excellence Awards Reception is tomorrow, Dec. 12 from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the PMU North & South Ballrooms (Bev Johnson, finalist for Customer Service Excellence Award; Chris Murray, 150th Committee Team Award)
- In preparation for Winter Recess, nonexempt staff should submit their “Other Leave (with Pay)” in SuccessFactors for Dec. 26, 29, 30 and 31
- Supervisors should approve the requests no later than 10 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2026
- Graduate Colloquium will be held on February 5-7, 2026
- AIChE Regional Student Conference at Purdue in Spring 2026 (Mar 27, 28): asking for faculty/grad student volunteers for lab tours
- Kelly Lecturer Dr. Jeffrey Hubbell (NYU) will visit on April 6-8, 2026
- Dr. Chris Bowman (UC Boulder) will be our 2026 DEA: Thurs. Apr 9
- Faculty/staff can still provide nominations for the College’s 38 by 38 Award; link to nomination: <https://my.reviewr.com/s2/site/purdue-engineering-38-38-nomination>
- (will need nominee’s birthdate; deadline Jan 31, 2026)
- Update on new seminar selection procedures, beginning for Fall 2026 semester

Ben Holmes, *Lead Educational Technology Consultant*, Innovative Learning Presentation:ADA Accessibility Compliance for Course Instructional Materials:

Due to recent developments related to the Department of Justice’s final ruling on Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), new requirements are being implemented regarding the accessibility of digital instructional materials. Under these updated requirements, all digital materials provided to students must be proactively accessible. Previously, accessibility remediation typically occurred only after a student disclosed a disability; however, this approach is no longer sufficient, and accessibility must now be ensured in advance for all materials.

Faculty have been provided with slides that include a webpage on ADA readiness, as well as an accessibility checklist to assist in evaluating both existing and new course materials. Faculty who need assistance are encouraged to contact the Innovative Learning Team at InnovativeLearningTeam@purdue.edu. The team also offers weekly drop-in support, with additional details available at:

<https://www.purdue.edu/innovativelearning/tools-resources/accessibility/>

Initial Discussion of Potential Courtesy Appointment: Ivan Christov (ME):

Dr. Vivek Narsimhan presented background information on Dr. Ivan Christov, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University, for consideration of a potential courtesy appointment. Dr. Christov’s research focuses on fluid mechanics and microfluidics, particularly fluid–structure interactions, and he has collaborated with Drs. Narsimhan and Basaran. Dr. Basaran highlighted Dr. Christov’s strong academic background, high-quality

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research record, visibility in the fluid mechanics community, upcoming leadership role in the Society for Engineering Science Conference, and excellence as a mentor, teacher, and collaborator.

Per School policy, the next step is a faculty vote on whether to invite Dr. Christov to present a seminar as part of the courtesy appointment process. The vote will be conducted via a survey and will include his CV.

Undergraduate Committee:

1. The committee discussed the biology selective and will form a small subcommittee to identify appropriate topics for the course. The subcommittee will also consult with faculty outside the committee who have expertise in the biological sciences.
2. Oversight of First-Year Engineering has transitioned from Engineering Education to Kendra Erk within the College of Engineering. Discussion included potential updates to the curriculum, including plans to integrate Python across all first-year engineering pathways, which will be beneficial for our students. Faculty are encouraged to share feedback on any perceived gaps in student preparation, as this input will be communicated to the committee.
3. A future requirement is being developed to ensure AI competency for all students, including an understanding of the technical foundations and practical skills such as effective prompt usage to improve efficiency. First-Year Engineering is expected to address the technical fundamentals, while schools are asked to consider how AI may be incorporated into their curricula. The Dean has requested draft plans from each school by 2027, and this topic will continue to be revisited by the committee.

Graduate Recruiting Committee:

1. The admissions deadline has passed, and the committee has been reviewing applications, with an initial focus on domestic candidates to facilitate offers in advance of the in-person visit weekend. To date, 35 offers have been made and approved by the Graduate School, with a target of 25 visiting students in February. Over the break, attention will shift to international applications, with select faculty being contacted to assist in the review process. The committee continues to prioritize a highly selective approach, focusing on candidates with strong potential for outstanding performance.

Graduate Committee:

1. Nothing new to report.

Faculty Search Committee:

1. Dr. David Hibbitts reported that 10 candidates have completed Zoom interviews from approximately 100 applications, placing the School ahead of schedule relative to peer departments. The current goal is to advance four candidates, with the possibility of a fifth only if exceptionally strong. On-site visits are tentatively planned for January or February.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:07p.m.