College of Engineering

North Dakota State University

Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12th, 3-4pm, Dolve 202

Attending:

CoE: Alan Kallmeyer
ABEN: Clairmont Clementson, Ewumbua Monono, Leon Schumacher, Dean Steele
CCEE: Armstrong Aboah, Xuefeng Chu, Zhihui Ding, Youjin Jang, Yao Yu
CS: Anne Denton, Simone Ludwig, Changhui Yan, Ajay Jha
ECE: Sumitha George, Jacob Glower
IME:
ME: Ali Amiri, Adam Gladen, Inbae Jeong, Long Jiang, Ghodrat Karami, Chad Ulven, Yechun Wang, Xiangfa Wu

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 3:03pm

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Meeting did not have quorum. Approval of minutes from November 3, 2025 postponed until our next meeting.

3. Announcements

(Kallmeyer) There are several topics to cover.

NDSU now has a new provost: Dr. Veil. Provost Veil is holding listening sessions with each college this spring. The listening session with CoE will be on Wednesday, February 25th, in the Memorial Union Anishinabbe Theater at 3pm. Faculty are encouraged to attend to ask questions for our new provost.

NDSU also has a new acting president: Rick Berg. Rick Berg is an NDSU alum as well as a former U.S. congressman and member of the ND House of Representatives. Interim President Berg will serve until a new president is named. Campus interviews for the new president will take place during the week of March 23rd. The goal is to have a new president by mid summer.

CoE has two new department chairs. Ying Huang is the new chair of CCEE. Kambiz Farahmand has been named permanent chair of IME.

New Building: Construction on the Offerdahl complex is on schedule. Departments should be able to move into their new offices in mid July. Faculty will have help moving their offices and labs. Faculty are asked to place their items in boxes. Movers will then take these boxes to the new facilities.

All CoE labs should be moved and ready to go for Fall 2026. Currently, the scheduled lab rooms remain in their old rooms - just in case the new facilities are not ready for Fa26. Once the new lab rooms are ready, labs will be rescheduled to their new rooms.

Offerdahl West (ECE) will be shut down during the Fa26 / Sp27 academic year for renovation. ECE will move its offices over to where ABEN is going to reside for one year. Once the renovations are completed in Offerdahl West, ECE will move back to their building and ABEN will move into its new offices.

Dolve will have its HVAC replaced this coming summer and fall. This means that the AC probably will not work for part of the summer. Plans to renovate the ME labs on the north side of the building have been canceled - meaning ME labs will continue operating in these rooms for Fa26.

Equipment: Departments have submitted around $8 to $10 million in requests for new equipment. At present, $1 million has been allocated for the equipment in the new building (college wide). The priority for this is educational

equipment and multi-department equipment. The money available for equipment should go up, however. Some money is being set aside as a buffer in case construction costs go up. Once the final costs come in, this money will be released for more equipment purchases.

Budget: The budget for next year remains uncertain. Provost Veil is conduction a study to look at the tuition allocation model. The current model doesn't take into account the different costs of instruction for each college. This is a zero-sum game, though. If CoE receives more money in the tuition allocation model, another college will receive less. On the bright side, student-credit-hour production went up from last year. There is a two year lag in the funding formula, meaning we *should* see a corresponding increase in funding next year.

Finally, the three new programs CoE is creating under the New Horizons program are moving ahead. These include majors in Robotics and Automation, Material Science, and Artificial Intelligence.

4. Committee Announcements/Reports

Executive (Glower): The next meetings of CoE will be

- Wednesday, February 25th, 3pm, Anishnabbe Theater, MU (listening session with Provost Veil)
- Thursday, March 19th, 3:30pm, Dolve 202. CoE March meeting
- Thursday, April 30, 3:30pm, Dolve 202. CoE April meeting

PTE: (Karami): The culminating committees for post-tenure review have been approved. The CoE PT&E document has also been revised to include post-tenure review.

Academic Affairs (Aboah): The last date for submitting course proposals in Course Leaf is mid March.

Research & Graduate: no report

Senate: no report

5. Old Business

none

6. New Business

none

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm

Respectfully submitted, 2/14/26
Jake Glower