

College of Engineering

North Dakota State University
Faculty Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 20th, 3pm-4pm
Dolve 118

Attending:

COE: Alen Kallmeyer, Scott Pryor

ABEN:

CCEE: Armstrong Aboah, Miji Yang

CS: Simone Ludwig

ECE: Shuvashis Dey, Jacob Glower, Di Wu

IME: Kambiz Farahmand, Andrew Paulson

ME: Fardad Azarmi, Adam Gladen, Ghodrat Karami, Will Refling, Yildirim Bora Suzen, Yechun Wang, Xingfa Wu

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meetings

- April 30, 2026
- February 12, 2026
- November 3, 2025

Motion to approve minutes from our last meetings (Gladen / Wu). Motion approved

3. Announcements

Kallmeyer: Welcome to a new year at NDSU! There are several topics to cover.

Card Key Access: This is still an issue in the Offerdahl complex and we are working through these issues. The goal is to make our facilities as accessible as possible for our students.

Budget: CoE hasn't been given its budget for the current year yet. Neither has any other college. We have been allocated money, but we still don't know what our actual budget will be this year. Budgets are primarily determined by enrollment. At the college level, our graduate enrollment is down 11% while the undergraduate enrollment is down 0.1%. On the positive side, first year enrollment is up 4% - which bodes well.

President Stewart is focused on enrollment. An enrollment summit was just completed. From this summit, the next item that will be discussed is courses with high DWF rates. In order to address enrollment issues, President Stewart would like to create a new vice president position and hire a VP for Enrollment Management.

Funding Model: Funding is currently based on student credit hour (SCR) production at the state level and at NDSU in its distribution formula. At the state level, SCR generation in engineering receives about a 30% extra weighting. At the NDSU level, however, all SCR are treated equally (no weighting). There is some discussion about changing this at NDSU. There is also discussion at the state level pertaining to changing the funding from being SCR based to production based (meaning degrees granted).

Strategic Planning: A survey was sent out to all faculty and staff in CoE pertaining to this. Shortly, a draft of the strategic plan for the college will be put together and sent out for faculty review. The target date for this draft is November, 2026.

Gallop Survey: A climate survey is currently available for all CoE faculty. CoE is currently at a 50% response rate - which isn't bad. More would be good.

Equipment: With a new building, it would be nice to have new equipment as well. A portion of the funds for the new building goes to equipment. Department chairs helped assemble an equipment list - which is being funded as money comes available.

Shortly, a new mini-campaign will begin for additional money for CoE equipment. A donor has pledged \$1 million in matching funds. This will be used as leverage to raise more money - with the goal being to raise \$2 million total. This will allow department chairs to revisit their equipment list and reprioritize this list.

New Faculty: IME has a new professor of practice: Andrew Paulson. Andrew will be teaching the robotics and automation courses in IME. We welcome Andrew to our college.

Pryor: Course alerts are how struggling students are identified with over 1300 course alerts having been submitted to date. The Career and Advising Center has two people who watch these course alerts and try to contact and help these students. This only works if faculty fill in the course alerts, however. Please take the time to do so.

4. Committee Announcements/Reports

Executive: (Glower). The next meeting of the CoE Faculty Council will be

- Tuesday, December 1st
- 3pm - 4pm
- Dolve 118

Promotion and Tenure (Karami): This year, we have six Assistant Professor candidates undergoing PTE evaluation: five candidates for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor and one candidate for early promotion to Associate Professor.

We have held one meeting to meet and organize the evaluation process and we will begin our evaluation meetings next week.

Academic Affairs: no report

Research and Graduate (Jeong): The CoE R&G committee will be working on the NDSU Phi Kappa Student Lectureship Award. The call for nominations has been sent to department chairs, asking them to identify one nominee per department by October 31, 2026.

University Senate (Glomer): The Senate Budget committee met with the objective of selecting a topic to focus on for the coming year. Six different ideas were discussed, but no consensus was reached as to which topic if any the Senate Budget Committee would focus on this year.

The Faculty Senate met in October as well, with the objective of selecting a topic to focus on for the coming year. Seven topics were discussed, but no consensus was reached as to which topic if any the Faculty Senate would focus on this year. The Senate did agree to request that its various committees submit end-of-year reports come May, however.

5. Old Business

none

6. New Business

none

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Suzen / Wu)

Respectfully submitted
Jacob Glomer
October 21, 2026