

## Chairs' & Center Directors' Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17, 2017  
Location: WCH – Room 443  
Attendees:

Guillermo Aguilar  
Alex Balandin  
Matt Barth  
Mitch Boretz  
Marek Chrobak  
Xiaoping Hu  
Nosang Myung  
Walid Najjar  
Marko Princevac  
Ravi  
Amit Roy-Chowdhury (for Jay Farrell)  
Tom Stahovich  
Vassilis Tsotras  
Kambiz Vafai  
Sharon Walker  
Jun Wang

Absent:

Reza Abbaschian  
Bir Bhanu  
Jay Farrell  
Ashok Mulchandani  
Albert Wang

### 1. Welcome – Sharon

No items were added to the agenda.

### 2. Session with Interim Provost Cindy Larive

Cindy reported that UCR is drafting a self-study for WASC re-accreditation. This study is due in January 2018 and the WASC visit is scheduled in October 2018. This effort should initiate a new strategic planning process as there have been many changes since UCR drafted its 2020 plan.

In response to questions from the Chairs/Directors, Cindy stated:

- She supports the current campus policy of leaving vacant faculty lines in UCR colleges/schools
- The Academic Senate will be issuing a Cluster Hire survey soon to UCR faculty. Cindy intends to evaluate the results of this survey in order to review (and possibly pause) the Cluster Hire process.
- Cindy wants to meet with BCOE leadership before initiating a new BCOE dean search. She has asked the Academic Senate to recommend names of search committee members. She is

planning to initiate the new BCOE dean search in August 2017. She also inherited two other dean searches (Grad Division and UNEX).

- She will review the current campus policy that faculty hires with off-scale salary offers above 10% need to be approved by the Provost. She hopes to send Sharon a response within two weeks.
- She's supportive of UCR's new budget system since it has the ability to make informed decisions. However, she indicated that it will likely take 2-3 years to work out all of the details and remedy the unintended consequences of this new budget system.
- Cindy has formed an ad-hoc committee to make recommendations on UCR's sustainability efforts and related positions. This committee will look at examples at other UC campuses. UCR may establish a dual Sustainability structure (operational and academic).
- Mike Pazzani (RED) is forming a committee to make recommendations on campus-wide user facilities. Mike has invited at least one BCOE faculty member to participate on this committee but Sharon asked Chairs/Directors to send her recommendations for this committee.
- At a previous Chairs/Directors meeting, the Chancellor indicated that there would be campus resources available to a new BCOE dean. However, Cindy obtained further clarification from the Chancellor. UCR expects to hire an additional 120 new faculty but all of these faculty lines are already committed (primarily as cluster hires). As such, there are no new faculty lines from this pool available for a new BCOE dean. However, this pool includes some cluster hires for BCOE and the new dean will have use of vacant BCOE faculty lines.
- Cindy wants input from the new Grad Division dean on other grad student funding models and ways to increase the number of grad students per faculty. One option would be to increase the weight of workload credit for grad courses (similar to some other UC campuses). She emphasized that almost all campus funding has now been distributed to schools and colleges so there would be financial impacts of changing this grad student funding model.
- If new undergraduate programs, such as Data Science, increase instructional workload credit, this could lead to increased faculty lines for the program/college.
- Classroom space continues to be an issue but Cindy believes that many of these classrooms could be used more efficiently. A new Student Success building is in the preliminary planning stages but is several years off.
- Cindy has not re-delegated her responsibility for the Innovative Learning Technology Initiative (ILTI) and is interested in encouraging on-line courses and hybrid (classroom/on-line) methodologies.
- Cindy encouraged more collaboration between BCOE and the Med School.
- She has established a new email alias for the provost (provost @ucr.edu) so that there would be a continuing record of provost messages and commitments. Cindy is the only person viewing this email alias. Meetings with the provost can be scheduled using [provostadmin@ucr.edu](mailto:provostadmin@ucr.edu) since this email alias is also viewed by provost office staff.

### **3. Dean Updates – Sharon**

Sharon requested that Chairs send her names of any cluster hire interview candidates as soon as this information is known. She is keeping track of all possible BCOE cluster hires, especially their space needs. On a related topic, starting this year, only one department is to negotiate with

each cluster hire candidate. Candidates being contacted by multiple departments was a problem last year.

Four Provost Post-doc Fellow candidates are visiting BCOE. Sharon requested feedback from the three BCOE departments (BIEN, CEE and ME) that are interviewing these candidates. She especially wants annotated feedback including space needs and possible connections to research centers.

Sharon noted the copy of Cindy Larive's email attached to the agenda. This message requests nominations for three endowed professorships (Presidential Chairs, MacArthur Chairs, Dickson Emeritus Professor). Sharon requested Chairs/Directors nominate appropriate BCOE faculty for these professorships. The nomination deadline is 3/30/17.

Sharon emphasized that she needs nominations for RED's Research Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Sharon is requesting reports from all BCOE centers this summer. These reports should include research updates, lists of participants and annual progress towards goals. She wants to use this information to advocate for BCOE centers with campus leadership. This information will also be used in dean search materials.

Sharon reminded participants that Prof. Shelton is developing a program with Martin Luther King High School and is seeking departmental liaisons.

Lastly, she announced that Ertem Tuncel will be appointed as the Associate Dean of the Grad Division. This appointment starts in Spring quarter 2017.

#### **4. Undergraduate Education – Marko**

Marko asked for faculty volunteers for the 4/8/17 Highlander Day.

Also, BCOE's ABET Consultant has scheduled a coordination visit on 3/27-28 for program chairs and ABET coordinators. He asked that at least two representatives from each program attend these meetings.

#### **5. Graduate Education – Ravi**

Ravi noted the grad student application summary attached to the agenda. He stated that the total number of BCOE grad applications has decreased by about 11% from last year. Most of this decrease is due to lower numbers of domestic applications. The total number of applications processed has decreased by 25% from last year, perhaps due to new grad assistant staffing. He noted that the total number of UCR grad applications has also decreased this year. He encouraged programs to make phone calls to candidates by the 4/15/17 deadline.

#### **6. Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2017 Meeting - Pat**

The revised minutes of the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved. Due to time constraints, no other topics were discussed.

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### Agenda

Winston Chung Hall – Room 443

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| 1. | Welcome  | Sharon           |
| 2. | Session with Interim Provost Cindy Larive  |                  |
| 3. | Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2017 Meeting   | Pat              |
| 4. | Graduate Education   | Ravi             |
| 5. | Undergraduate Education  | Marko            |
| 6. | Senate Updates   | Tom              |
| 7. | Dean's Updates<br>Nominations for three endowed professorships – due March 30<br>Presidential Chairs<br>MacArthur Chairs<br>Dickson Emeritus Professor Chair | Sharon           |
| 8. | Department Updates   | Chairs/Directors |
| 9. | New Items  |                  |

**NOTE: Next meeting date is Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

#### Future Meeting Dates - 2017

April 12 (W), 24 (M)

May 8 (M), 22 (M)

June 5 (M), 16 (F)

Domestic + International Students						
Program	Processed		Applied		% Difference	
	Fall - 2016	Fall - 2017	Fall - 2016	Fall - 2017	Processed	Applied
Bioengineering	48	29	119	94	-40%	-21%
Chemical and Environmental Engineering	68	57	174	184	-16%	6%
Computer Engineering	1	0	109	80	-100%	-27%
Computer Science	82	62	986	1003	-24%	2%
Electrical Engineering	44	30	528	433	-32%	-18%
Engineering - M.S. in Engineering (Online)	2	0	78	6	-100%	-92%
Materials Science & Engineering	31	23	152	138	-26%	-9%
Mechanical Engineering	29	28	172	135	-3%	-22%
<b>BCOE</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2318</b>	<b>2073</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-11%</b>

Domestic Students Only						
Program	Processed		Applied		% Difference	
	Fall - 2016	Fall - 2017	Fall - 2016	Fall - 2017	Processed	Applied
Bioengineering	33	21	71	54	-36%	-24%
Chemical and Environmental Engineering	31	21	58	43	-32%	-26%
Computer Engineering	1	0	9	9	-100%	0%
Computer Science	25	12	68	67	-52%	-1%
Electrical Engineering	7	7	43	34	0%	-21%
Engineering - M.S. in Engineering (Online)	2	0	78	6	-100%	-92%
Materials Science & Engineering	16	12	38	33	-25%	-13%
Mechanical Engineering	22	17	57	30	-23%	-47%
<b>BCOE</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>-35%</b>

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**Subject:** request for nominations for three endowed professorships

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to request your nominations for 3 endowed chairs by the March 30 deadline. The nominations should be a brief (~1 page) discussion of the candidate that includes the unique value the person brings to your college and the campus along with the nominee's CV. Appointments to the following endowed positions: the Presidential Chair, MacArthur Chair, and Dickson Emeritus Award are at the discretion of the chancellor and the provost. Upon review of your nominations, Kim and I will make recommendations for these appointments. A brief description of each chair appears below. Though the Presidential and MacArthur chairs can be used to help recruit and retain faculty, all three of these chairs could also be used to recognize the efforts of outstanding long-time UCR faculty who may not have sought a retention.

1. **Presidential chairs.** The campus has three term professorships, one of which will come open 6/30/17. An appointment will be made for a 3 year term.
2. **MacArthur chairs.** These are 5 year term chairs that rotate between campuses. We have two chairs that were awarded in 2014 for a five year period. We anticipate that these chairs will return to UCR in 2024. Dean Tom Smith holds one of the chairs. The other was never filled and there are two years remaining on the unfilled chair appointment. The only stipulation is that the MacArthur chair holder should work in an area consistent with the goals of the MacArthur Foundation <https://www.macfound.org/>, which according to their website includes climate change, criminal justice, juvenile justice, American democracy, conservation and sustainable development, digital media and learning, human rights, international peace and security, migration, policy research and population and reproductive health.
3. **Dickson Emeritus Professor.** Each year, we have the ability to appoint 3 emeriti faculty for a one year appointment as the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professor. These awards include a \$6000 award plus \$3000 in research support.