

AIC Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2010 12:00 – 5:10 PM, Marshall Building

Members Attending: Kathy Chavez, Mo Ehsani, Alan Forrest, Eric Froberg (Phone), Charles Gajda, James Glock, Therese Lane, Kevin Lansey, Scott Larson, George Maseeh, Thomas McGovern, Edward Nowatzki, Mark Woodson, David Zaleski – **Others attending :** Melissa Ahlers, Muniram Budhu, Robert Fleischman, Chris Grubbs (Phone), Bill Nelson, Tadd Johnson, Victor Liou, Jared Bruns, Lauren Case

Members Who Sent Regrets: David Glidersleeve, Kevin Josker, Juan Lopez, Mick Mathieu, Travis McCarthy, Farhad Moghimi, Robin West, Robert Wortman, Benny Young

Absent: Robert Barksdale, Michael Barton, Frank Castro, Seth Chalmers, James Davey, Tom Draeger, John Evans, Thomas McLean, William Palmer, Nancy Patania Brown, Claudia Perchinelli, Robert Rasmussen, Subhash Raval, Blaine Reely, Stan Turney, Ken Wright

Introductions and Presentations

- Kathy Chavez called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM and all members introduced themselves
- A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting (4/16/10) and the motion passed unanimously.

Dean Goldberg – Strategic Plan:

- Currently, grad program is ranked 51 and undergrad program 45 (U.S. News & World Reports)
- Strive to be one of the top 10 public engineering institutions
- The College of Engineering has reorganized with an emphasis on research and infrastructure

UAITE, Jared Bruns:

- Working to grow the chapter and get more students involved in the club. Currently average 20 members, but would like to increase that to 30.
- They are seeking people to come in and speak to the members.

SCE Update, Tadd Johnson:

- Students attended the ASCE conference in Las Vegas last spring. They participated in Environmental, Surveying, Sports, impromptu and Mystery events. Students did well in the sporting events. Their canoe sank but most of the other schools' canoes did as well.
- Career Fair is October 13th and they are looking for companies to participate.
- All officers recently attended the San Diego Leadership Conference where they learned ways to run the club effectively.

- Students were able to tour the UA Rec Center expansion and new dorms on 6th & Euclid to get a first hand view of building creation and green building techniques.
- They will have a Casino Night fundraiser, tonight, and a golf tournament on November 20th.

Engineers Without Borders, Lauren Case presented:

- The club has been busy volunteering locally. They have been working with Habitat for Humanity, and completing rain water harvesting, and projects in Mexico.
- They have been working in Ghana on a four year project to provide clean water to residents. Their work involves creating a water filtering system.
- They worked in Mali, Africa on a water quality and accessibility project. This project was done in collaboration with the Peace Corp.
- They are looking for speakers who have traveled to other countries to work on projects.
- They were named a premiere chapter at last year's conference.
- On October 16th they will have a fundraiser titled Friends with Frisbees.
- They are always looking for mentors.

Treasurer's Report, Dave Zaleski Reporting:

- Cost of 2009 Homecoming barbecue was \$4,863 and cost of Centennial lunch was \$3,982 and the Lecture expense was \$739
- There was a deficit of \$2,200 which was paid by the department
- We will have a donation jar at Homecoming.

CEEM Department Head, Kevin Lansey Presentation State of the CEEM Department (presentation attached with this email):

- This year there are 164 undergraduate students; 10 freshman; 18 sophomores.
- Hamid Saadatmanesh remains on leave through Fall 2011
- Mo Ehsani retired in January, 2010
- Robert Fleischman has returned from sabbatical
- Tribikram Kundu will be on sabbatical this semester and will return next semester
- The amount of the differential tuition has increased
- The Department currently has a balanced budget.

·The Department has introduced two master's degree programs. The first is classes only and involves no thesis and the other is an accelerated master's program. An alternative, distance education degree is being considered.

·The Department has a LinkedIn group and is seeking members to join

·The Department's new website is now live. AIC has a page on the site and the Department will begin integrating information about the AIC, that members request, onto the site.

·The Homecoming BBQ will be Saturday, October 23rd. The Engineering Breakfast is Friday, October 22nd. The Centennial Lunch speaker on Friday will be Larry Novak. He will speak at noon, tentatively. Karen is looking for a room to hold everyone.

Fundraising

·The Department will continue to seek Mohr's Circle members. Scott Larson is leading the effort.

·Dr. Lansey will begin having lunch with individual AIC members in order to obtain their suggested contacts for fundraising.

ABET

·ABET will visit on November 7th through 9th. ABET is a continuous improvement program. The Department's objectives, goals and outcomes were discussed. Assessment results were presented for FE exam, student and industry surveys. Inconsistencies and areas of possible concern were discussed. Ways in which the program could make improvements were discussed. Interest in practitioner involvement raised including student field trips. Dave Z. suggested Pima County bridge projects would be one opportunity.

New Members

·Bill Nelson, Chris Grubbs, and Dave Mahaffy were nominated for membership. Their membership was voted on and approved. Kathy asked that they be invited to the next meeting.

Next AIC Meeting:

Next meeting date: Friday April 8, 2011 at noon, with a light buffet lunch beginning at 11:30.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m