

PART III

Formation of the 2013-2014 EFC

September 25, 2013

Dear Faculty:

I am happy to announce that, on Wednesday last week, the Engineering Faculty Council held its first full-quorum meeting of the school year and elected the following slate of new officers:

Chair: Joseph Kunc

Vice-Chair: Paul Rosenbloom

Secretary: Edmond Jonckheere

Senate Alternate: Michael Safonov

Senate Altnerate: Firdaus Udwadia

The Academic Senate has updated its website to list the EFC Chair, Vice-Chair, and alternates as members of the Academic Senate. The complete roster of the current EFC members is as follows:

Berger, Theodore BME

Breuer, Melvin EE-S

Chen, Shuo-Wei EE-P

Horowitz, Ellis CSCI

Ioannou, Petros EE-S

Jonckheere, Edmond EE-S

Kunc, Joseph ASTE

Lee, Vincent CEE

Mitra, Ubli EE-S

Prata, Aluzio EE-P

Rahimi, Mansour ISE

Ronney, Paul AME

Rosenbloom, Paul CSCI

Silvester, John EE-S

Trifunac, Misha CEE

Udwadia, Firdaus AME

Wang, Pin CHEMS

The Council's next meeting will be Wednesday, October 2nd, 12 – 2pm, in Room 526 of RTH. I encourage all of you to attend, and I will send an announcement next week. The main topic for discussion will be how to give non-tenure-track faculty representation in the School's faculty governance, and how to amend the current EFC Bylaws to achieve this. I have invited the members of the 'blue ribbon' panel, recently set up by Senate President Chuck Gomer, to present and discuss their recommendations for including NTT faculty in the School's faculty governance.

Meanwhile, I am continuing discussions with Senate President Chuck Gomer about how the EFC can best work with the Senate to achieve the goal of full and fair representation of NTT faculty. These face-to-face discussions began last Wednesday at the first monthly meeting of the Senate, and they grew out of my email exchange with Senate President Gomer based on his August 14th letter (attached) that former EFC Chair John Silvester circulated to the School faculty in late August. Below, for completeness, I have appended my email message, of September 17th, to Senate President Gomer, and distributed to all members of the Academic Senate before its first meeting. It responds in detail to President Gomer's answer to my earlier email message, of August 31st (appended at the end), which asked President Gomer to square his August 14th letter with the language of the Academic Senate Constitution.

I very much want to hear from you, the faculty, on this very important matter. I also want to assure you that any voting that takes place will be in the strictest of confidence, with the envelope-in-envelope procedure.

I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday at noon.

Best regards,

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