Engineering Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2012  
3:00 p.m.  
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**Members Present:**  
Barbara Poole  
Stan Wilkins  
Laura Goadrich  
Terry Chambers  
Miles Hitchcock  
Jacob Mitchell  
Jim Henderson  
Malcolm Smoak  
Hisham Hegab  
Jim Nelson  
Allan Pratt  
Stan Harris  
Antoinette Turner  
Charles Reed  
Frank Viviano  
Clif Frilot  
Michael Hass  
Louis West  
Jim Gregory  
Sallie Namie  
Jessica Cleaver

Jim Gregory began the meeting with roundtable introductions. Chancellor Henderson welcomed all attendees and commented on the success of the program.

Stan Harris officially called the meeting to order at 4:05pm, and verified that everyone had had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting. Dr. Wilkins moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and was seconded by Terry Chambers. The minutes were approved.

Miles Hitchcock presented information on the Math courses, specifically Calculus. He and Frank Viviano have decided to teach every chapter in the Thomas textbook in all Calculus courses so that students will be completely prepared. The Testing Center, brainchild of Donna Densmore, has been instrumental in providing alternative times for students to test, therefore freeing more time for classroom instruction. In the Summer and Fall semesters, Calculus I will be presented in a more traditional manner. The level of articulation with other schools was also discussed.
A short break was taken at 3:37pm.

Jim Gregory began discussion on the new petroleum engineering program with gas emphasis at LSU and LSUS. No one present was able to provide additional information. Laura Goadrich commented that a meeting with LSU/S will need to be scheduled to find out what is going to happen.

Louis West presented his report on starting a Student Engineering Organization. He knows that many students are anxious to become involved. His goals are to create networking opportunities as well as give back to the community. The first meeting will be in the next two weeks. As Jim Gregory is retiring, an advisor will need to be found for the group. Laura Goadrich has offered to step in until someone is found.

Stan Harris opened the floor for nominations for a new Vice Chair. Malcolm Smoak moved that Stan Harris be nominated and Mike Hass seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and Stan Harris accepted the position.

Jim Gregory presented information on the uniqueness of the Engineering program. With 82 declared majors the program is growing. There are a lot of engineering and science courses offered in this program. He would like this program to be written up for publication in educational journals. Also, because of open enrollment, the measure of success is difficult to determine. Syllabi and learning outcomes were presented and surveys of other deans have been taken for textbook suggestions. Terry Chambers commented that UL Lafayette looks to LA Tech for guidance on matching transfer courses from BPCC, due to the relationship which is already in place between BPCC and Tech.

Laura Goadrich updated everyone on the CIET building project. One quarter of the $2.5 million budget has already been secured and the begin date for construction is still set for Fall 2012.

Dean Goadrich thanked Jim Gregory for his dedication to the program and updated everyone on the search for a new program director for Engineering. There are two applicants and interviews will begin the week of April 23.

Stan Wilkins moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Stan Harris adjourned the meeting at 4:28pm.