To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

The following summarizes the business of the College of Engineering Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) for 2011-12.

Summary of Actions:

Academic and Program Reviews and Proposals

1. **Program Review** – The committee reviewed and commented on the findings of the Computer Engineering Program PRP review.
2. **Technology Management Program** – Two proposals for TMP were again reviewed: the creation of the academic unit and the creation of the professional M.S. degree. Both were endorsed. In addition, the FEC reviewed a series of changes to the units in a group of TMP courses as a preparatory step to formalizing the program.
3. **Graduate Program in Dynamical Neuroscience** – A new interdisciplinary program was endorsed.
4. **Elimination of Computer Science Pre-Major** – The Computer Science Department requested that the pre-major be eliminated. The FEC supported this change.
5. **Suspension of Admissions for Computer Science BA Degree** – The Computer Science Department requested that admissions for their BA degree be suspended. The FEC supported this request.
6. **Revisions to COE’s GE Regulation 205** – The FEC approved changes to the GE regulations to allow minors to count as meeting the CoE depth requirement and added a course to satisfy writing requirement.
7. **Mathematics Department Proposal to Change Certain Lower-Division Courses** – The FEC approved a plan to renumber and reorganize the content of the introductory series of math courses.

Research Centers

1. **Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Fluids** – A proposal to establish the CIRF was endorsed.
2. **Center for Nanomedicine** – A proposal to establish the Center for Nanomedicine was endorsed.

Review of Policies and Proposals

1. **CoE Faculty Bylaws for the Selection of Officers** – Change in official bylaws to match how the CoE FEC operates.
2. **BOARS Transfer Admissions Proposal for Screening Applicants** – A proposal which CoE already implements and the rest of campus is considering adopting. The COE FEC opined that this was a necessary step, but one that puts a burden on CoE resources.
3. **Negotiated Salary Program (APM 668)** – A proposal to allow faculty to supplement salaries with gift money. The FEC did not disagree with the proposal but had some serious questions about the lack of details and the potential harmful impacts.
4. **UCAAD Salary Equity Study** – The FEC considered a report describing data on salary equity among the UC campuses. Information in the report was forwarded to the departments.
5. **Residency Proposal (SR 610)** – The FEC discussed and approved a proposal to make wording changes to the definition of a “student in residence”.
6. **UC Observatories** – The proposal was not related to CoE; therefore, the FEC provided no comments.
7. **Time to Degree Policy for CoE Ugrads** – The FEC considered and approved a proposal to make clarifications to the time-to-degree policy for undergrads.
8. **Campus Five Year Perspective Update** – The FEC reviewed a spreadsheet describing campus plans for academic programs and made a couple of factual corrections.

9. **L&S Request to Manage URL on “ugeducation”** – The FEC reviewed a proposal by L&S to manage certain domain names within ucsb.com. The FEC felt there would be some confusion given an overlap with the mission of the CoE. An alternate recommendation was provided.

10. **Revised Sustainability Policy for Green Building Design** – The FEC reviewed a proposal regarding adoption of policies on green building. The FEC was concerned with some goals being too aggressive. The FEC was also concerned with whether the budget challenges of meeting the policy would negatively affect the core mission of the university.

11. **Review of APMS 010, 015, and 016** – The FEC reviewed and agreed with wording changes on academic freedom & faculty code of conduct.

**Committee Members:**

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- Glenn Beltz         Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies (Ex Officio)
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