

Meeting minutes for March 29, 2000 - Engineering B214 Conference Room - 8:00am

Present: Megan Donovan (ECE), Jennifer Flint (ECE), Prof. Garcia (CBE),  
Mike Holland (ME), Prof. Labadie (CE), Prof. Nassar (ECE),  
Lance Parker (CBE), Jenny Po (CBE), Mark Ritschard (ENS),  
Laurent Simon (CBE), Dan Stiles (CE)

Absent: Michelle Heintz (CE), Bala Natarajan (ECE), Jessica Rupp (ME),  
Tarek Salem (CE), Jeff Sorrentino (ME) (for Torrey Burgess),  
Prof. Willson (ME)

- Corrections to previous meeting minutes (3-22-00)

Lance Parker reported that CBE students prefer a \*central\* allocation, not a departmental allocation.

Megan Donovan reported that ECE students prefer a proposal model.

- Proposals (Soliciting, Disbursement, & Collection)

In order to inform the college of the opportunity to submit proposals, Mark will send an e-mail message to the faculty, various students will contact the engineering societies (ASME, IEEE, ASCE, AIChE, ASAE) and honor societies. Professors on the committee will notify their respective departments. Mark will also make a sign to post in the labs and on college bulletin boards. In all these communications, we need to inform the parties of the limitations of how the tech fee funds can be spent.

Corrections were made to the proposal, which Mark will make to the actual form.

- Fee for 2000-2001

Discussion continued on raising the tech fee in order to hire a professional staff to manage all college labs.

Mark reported that a straw poll of 16 students showed 16 in support of a 5% increase and 13 in support of a \$12-\$15 increase. Other members reported opposite findings. Discussion revealed that it was how the proposal was presented.

The committee proceeded to debate how much of increase was reasonable, whether the tech fee should even be used for staff, what improvements would be gained by hiring a full-time professional, how (or if) those improvements could or would be measured, what other increases (such as cost of living) would also be included, and how this proposal affects other needs such as more computers and more consistent access.

Megan then proposed that the committee not vote at this meeting, but use the following week for discussions with other students. Mark said that he needed a decision because of the difficult time constraints and the need to

