Meeting Minutes of the Engineering Student Technology Committee (ESTC)

Meeting: 22 February 2012
5:00 p.m. in Engineering Dean’s Conference Room

In Attendance: Adam Allevato (ME), Tucker Kern (ECE), Professor John Labadie (CEE), Professor Kevin Lear (ECE), Isaac Medina (ATS), Chair Anthony Navarro (ECE), Professor Ashok Prasad (CBE), Professor Ken Reardon (CBE), Nick Reidel (ME), Peter Riedo (ME), Mark Ritschard (Assistant Dean for Operations, ex officio), Todd Zurlinden (CBE)

Not In Attendance: Nathan Baker (CEE), Professor Thomas Birner (ATS), Jesse Jankowski (CEE), Professor Ketul Popat (ME), Miriah Schwartz (CBE), Professor Tom Siller (ADAA, ex officio), R.B. Stuart (CBE), Elizabeth Thompson (ATS), Dalton Young (ECE)

Guest: Angie Addie (ENS)

-Approval of Previous Minutes
The minutes from the previous meeting were not ready, they will be approved at the next meeting.

-Biomed Representation- Professor Kevin Lear
There was discussion of providing representation from SBME on the committee and allocation of separate funds designated to SBME. SBME graduates have no representation currently. It was suggested that undergraduates would be represented by their “home” department. Another suggestion made was that a graduate representative could be added now an undergraduate representative could be added later. Professor Lear brought to the committee’s attention the potential future need for the purchase of specialized SBME, especially for Engineering II.

It was recommended to move forward with adding a graduate representative and in fall 2012 or 2013, an undergraduate representative could be added. It was decided that separate funding should be addressed at a later date. Mark explained that all of the money committed by the ESTC will go to infrastructure technology, such as projectors, screens, networking equipment, etc.

Professor Lear will work with Dan to determine if there may be a need to submit a proposal for funding for equipment for Engineering II labs.

Navarro moved to add one graduate representative to the committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

-CEE iGEM Proposal
Professor Prasad and Professor Lear presented a proposal to the committee to assist with funding for iGEM. The proposed funding would help to send a team to the annual iGEM competition. Faculty from four other schools at CSU have already committed funding to send a team to the competition. The funding requested was $10,000 for this year and $10,000 for two proceeding years. The committee asked Professors Prasad and Lear to provide a breakdown of the costs prior to the next meeting so that the committee can determine whether the costs would be allowable for use of CFT funds.

There was discussion that any funds provided potentially could pay for student hourly employees for training related to equipment and technology. In general, there was hesitation on the part of committee members to fund the proposal for multiple years.

A motion was made to have Professor Prasad and Professor Lear revise their proposal and resubmit it for consideration at a later meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.