

ESTC Minutes  
Engineering Student Technology Committee  
Monday, Feb. 20, 2017, 4:00-5:00pm  
Scott Bioengineering Room 203

**Present:** Sean Freeman (ATS), Peter Marinescu (ATS), Kristen Jackson (SBME), Brian Munsky (CBE), Megan Scott (CEE), Ryan Austin (CEE), Luke Flores (CEE), Dylan Machovec (ECE), Andrew Jones (ME), Zachary Gebhardt (Intra-Dep), Kelley Branson (ENS), Nick Stratton (ENS), Mark Ritschard (Asst. Dean for Operations), Daniel Dauwe (n/a), Tammy Donahue (ME), Anthony Marchese (Associate Dean for Student Affairs), Peter Nelson (CEE)

**Absent:** Zachary Bodmer (CBE), Sandra Biedron (ECE), Emily Fischer (ATS), Trevor Aguirre (ME), Noah Beck (CBE), Dylan Ryden (ECE), Cam Key (ECE)

### **Old Business & Welcome**

We approved the minutes from the February 2, 2017 meeting.

### **New Business**

#### 1) Internet Café Proposal Presentation

Carter Stoudt, a student employee at ENS, presented the Internet Cafe Remodel Proposal, which was sent to the ESTC the prior week and discussed at the prior ESTC meeting. The proposal was submitted by Carter Stoudt and Nick Stratton. Concerns were brought about whether ESTC could cover chairs/tables that were associated with the technology upgrades, and Mark Ritschard confirmed that this was OK. Another question was whether graduate students in offices nearby would be affected by the construction and Carter explained there might be some minimal interference (i.e., ladders) during the construction, which would be planned during the summer. Another question was whether they would still be able to do some of the technology upgrades, even if they do not receive support from UFFAB (see proposal), and Nick Stratton, who was also on the proposal, stated that they would still like funding from ESTC for some technology upgrades.

#### 2) Senior Design Space Proposal

Dr. Anthony Marchese presented the B/C Infill Senior Design proposal. He will be submitting a formal ESTC proposal for this project. The plan is for Engineering B106 to be expanded to the north and south ends of the infill, and the student work area will be moved to the second story above the south area of the newly created space. Currently, there is some space scattered around the University (Powerhouse, ERC, Scott Bio.), and there is limited space in the Engineering Building, where it is greatly needed. Dr. Donahue also noted space is extremely tight for Senior Design Projects in an endorsement. Amount requested from ESTC is around \$90,000, and total proposal is ~\$1.5 million. Some concerns from the ESTC included how the ESTC can support this when our current special project money is around \$35,000 for this year and is projected to be only an additional \$40,000-\$50,000 next year. Mark Ritschard informed the committee that they

may offer to help over several years and commit future years' funds to this cause. Here it is important to note that the budget numbers provided are from a Budget Opinion and are not a true quote, which would come later but would likely be within 10%.

### 3) Budget Discussion

Due to the lengthy question and answer sessions of both of these proposal presentations, we did not have time to discuss the budget as planned. However, we did have ~10 minutes to discuss the financing of such special projects. Mark Ritschard noted that in the past there has not been a call for strategic initiatives (as there has been in the past two years), and this has only been when there is extra money left over after special projects like these have been funded.

### **Next Meeting**

It is planned that we will meet at least once (possibly twice) before Spring Break to discuss these proposals as a group and have Mark work through the budgeting process with us more. Peter Marinescu will send a Doodle poll to figure out the best dates/times.