

Engineering Student Technology Committee

Meeting minutes for November 15, 2000 - Engineering B214 Conference Room - 8:00am

Present: Jennifer Flint (ECE), Mike Holland (ME), Eric Mui (ECE),
Lance Parker (ChemE), Mark Ritschard (ENS), Jason Smith (intra),
David Wiegandt (ECE)

Absent: Torrey Burgess (ME), Prof. Dandy (ChemE), Prof. Fitzhorn (ME),
Alejandro Flores (CE), Dr. Gessler (Assoc. Dean),
David Hodge (ChemE), Prof. Labadie (CE), Prof. Nassar (ECE),
Bethany Schilleman (CE), Marcel Zibognon (CE)

Guest: Rachel Hanson, Chemical Engineering

- Introductions and attendance

Guest Rachel Hanson attended to learn about issues affecting Chemical Engineering.

The committee welcomed its newest member, Jason Smith, representing Environmental Engineering. Jason will also server as the liaison with the Engineering Legislature.

- Corrections to previous meetings minutes (11-8-00)

NONE

- Discuss options of unallocated funds disbursement

Mui presented an overview of the disbursement task and stated the need to determine whether the departments would receive an initial allocation.

As requested by last year's committee, Ritschard read the section entitled "Request Process Critique" from the ESTC minutes of 5-3-00, in which a strong preference was stated for departmental disbursements.

Several pros and cons were stated for departmental disbursements, noting that the faculty present at the 11-8-00 meeting, weighed in heavily on the need for departmental disbursements. As a point of discussion, Ritschard showed an example of how \$18,000 (a minimal amount for maintenance needs) would be distributed to the departments based on numbers of students in each major:

Chemical Engineering	11.3%	2,109.96
Civil Engineering	32.05%	5,769.71
Elec. & Comp. Engineering	24.59%	4,425.31
Mechanical Engineering	31.64%	5,695.02

Smith questioned the absence of a disbursement to intra-departmental majors and Ritschard stated that it was assumed last year that ENS maintained labs were meeting the needs of these students. However, the committee agreed

