

**College of Engineering and Applied Science
Department of Civil Engineering and Mechanics**

Faculty Meeting Minutes - Revised

Date: January 12, 2001

Location: EMS-E375

Present: Profs. Bratanow, Bravo, Christensen, Ghorbanpoor (Chair), Helwany, Horowitz, Lee, Naik, Papadopoulos, Rahman, Shaikh, and Tabatabai

Absent: Profs. Beimborn, and Wnuk.

1. Announcements

- Prof. Ghorbanpoor welcomed Prof. Papadopoulos. Prof. Papadopoulos expressed his pleasure to be here.
- A lunch in honor of Prof. Cutler will take place on Tuesday, January 30. Faculty and staff members will be asked to attend and to give a contribution for a gift.
- Prof. Ghorbanpoor asked Profs. Christiansen, Helwany, and Tabatabai to convene the first meeting of the Faculty Search Committee by January 19, 2001. Prof. Ghorbanpoor asked that interviews begin by mid March.
- Prof. Ghorbanpoor announced that Prof. Rahman will succeed Prof. Bratanow as the coordinator of the Mechanics group effective Fall 2001. Prof. Bratanow will be the Mechanics Coordinator for Spring 2001, during which time Prof. Rahman will begin coordinating the mechanics courses with Prof. Bratanow.
- Prof. Ghorbanpoor urged everyone to try to recruit additional graduate students.

2. Approval of December 15, 2000 Minutes

The minutes from the Faculty Meeting of December 15, 2000 were approved by a motion (Shaikh, Rahman).

3. Spring 2001 Course Offerings

Prof. Ghorbanpoor distributed a list of Spring 2001 course offerings, indicating that several courses currently lack an instructor. In order to meet the Department's teaching obligations, the following agreements were reached:

- Due to low enrollment, 725 will be cancelled and Prof. Rahman will teach 701.

- Prof. Ghorbanpoor indicated that the Dean's office has reservations against 610 and 714 due to low enrollment. Prof. Christiansen asked to keep 714 and agreed to teach 201/section 001 if the 610 is cancelled.
- Prof. Naik was asked to teach a MTWF section of 303. He declined, indicating that he was not obliged to teach a 4 credit course under the conditions of his buyout. Prof. Naik introduced a motion by which the Department would grant him the opportunity to teach a section of 201 or a TR section of 303. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. Prof. Ghorbanpoor agreed to accommodate Prof. Naik if an outside instructor could be found for 303, but indicated that if not, he would ask Prof. Naik to teach a MTWF section of 303.

Prof. Bratanow urged Prof. Naik to teach the MTWF section of 303.

- The faculty reviewed the resume of Mr. Al Darakhani and his request to teach a mechanics course in the Spring 2001. The faculty expressed hesitation because of Darakhani's lack of recent engineering experience, but authorized his hire as a last resort.

4. Fall 2001 Course Offerings

Prof. Ghorbanpoor stated that the area coordinators have submitted to him proposed courses to be offered during Fall 2001. Gary Metz will prepare course/instructor data for distribution.

5. GPSC Representation

Prof. Ghorbanpoor granted Prof. Naik's request that he remain as the GPSC representative.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30p by a motion (Shaikh, Rahman).

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Papadopoulos
Recording Secretary