

**College of Engineering and Applied Science  
Department of Civil Engineering and Mechanics  
Departmental Faculty Minutes**

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**Date:** October 6, 2000

**Place:** EMS, E375

**Faculty Present:** Profs. Beimborn, Bratanow, Bravo, Christensen, Cutler, Ghorbanpoor (Chair), Helwany, Horowitz, Lee, Rahman, Shaikh, and Tabatabai.

**Faculty Absent:** Profs. Naik, and Wnuk

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The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM.

### **1. Announcements**

- This year's Alumni Banquet is scheduled for Sat. November 11, 2000 in the Golda Meir Library's conference room.
- Prof. Horowitz stated that he was badly outvoted in the curriculum committee to adopt the department's proposal to require a C-grade or better in Statics as a prerequisite for Dynamics and Strength of Materials. He explained that the committee members were more concerned about student enrollments and cared less about students' quality.
- Prof. Rahman announced that Room EMS 990 is being cleaned and prepared to be used for graduate research. He asked the faculty to claim items of value that belongs to them.
- Prof. Ghorbanpoor mentioned that the lab located next to the soil mechanics lab on the second floor of the EMS building has been designated to accommodate Prof. Tabatabai's research.

### **2. Minutes of September 15, 2000**

It was the consensus of the faculty to table the minutes of the September 15, 2000 meeting. Prof. Rahman agreed to rewrite the minutes in a more concise format. The minutes should be presented in a next meeting for approval.

### **3. Investing in UWM's Future**

Prof. Ghorbanpoor indicated that the university is asking departments' campus-wide to submit proposals for new programs and research initiatives. We need to identify collectively what program or initiatives we ought to propose. The deadline for submission to the Dean's office is October 16, 2000.

Up to 300 proposals with a budget of 8 million dollars is likely to be submitted to the Provost.

Prof. Shaikh suggested a proposal that deals with infrastructure in the southern region of the state. It must be creative, and should incorporate design-build activities.

Prof. Beimborn has put together a proposal in the past dealing with spatial analysis and smart growth that could be expanded and included under this program.

A discussion to consider a construction engineering and management program was suggested by Prof. Lee.

#### **4. Status report on the CE & M annual picnic**

Prof. Tabatabai proposed this year's picnic to be held on December 1, 2000 on the second floor of the EMS building.

It was the consensus of the faculty to combine the activity with the already planned Holiday party sponsored by the ASCE and the ITE.

#### **5. Representative for the CEAS Scholastic Appeals Committee**

It was moved (Beimborn, Shaikh) to elect Prof. Lee to the CEAS Scholastic Appeals Committee. Prof. Lee accepted. Motion carried.

#### **6. Criteria for Adjunct Ranks**

Prof. Horowitz and Prof. Shaikh submitted criteria for Adjunct ranks in the CE & M Dept.

An amendment to the criteria was adopted by consensus. The change is to remove the word "minimum" and expand the criteria to read "Exception to the criteria may be considered by the executive committee under exceptional circumstances"

A motion (Horowitz, Beimborn) to adopt the amended criteria. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **7. Engineer-in-Residence position within CE & M Dept.**

It was moved (Beimborn, Lee) to request one faculty position in the environmental engineering and an academic staff position (Engineer-in-Residence) in addition to the Geotechnical faculty position proposed by the Dean's office. The motion passed with a vote of nine "ayes" and two "nays".

#### **8. List for courses with class presentations**

It was the consensus of the faculty to table this item until next meeting.

#### **9. Adjournment**

It was moved (Christensen, Rahman) to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Adeeb Rahman  
Recording Secretary

