

CECE Academy Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 4/21/2018

Introductions

Reviewed 2018 inductees and introduced officers (Jeff Stovall, Chair; Stacey Weichert, Vice Chair; Steven Dean, Secretary/Treasurer) and academy members in attendance. Eight new members were inducted this year:

Jennafer Covington, PE
Carter P. Delleney, PE, MPA
Chad M. Henthorn, CSI, LEED AP
Samuel Hinojosa, PE, CFM
Heather Keister, PE, CFM
Robert Proffitt
Joel P. Robinett, PE
Shannon Rodriguez, PE

Nominations were requested for next year, particularly needed from Environmental and Construction Engineering.

17 Academy members were in attendance.

Prior Year Minutes

2017 minutes were reviewed. Noted revision was Chad Henthorn was not able to make the induction last year (2017) due to a conflict but was included in the 2018 Inductee Class. Motion was made to approve as revised, which was seconded and carried.

Treasury

Steven Dean reviewed the Academy Fund for Excellence statement for FY 2016 and 2017, including revenue and expenses. In summary, the CEE Academy Fund for Excellence had \$37,007.72 revenue and \$11,037.31 in expenses (net income \$25,970.41) for FY 2016 (expenses included \$5,000 transfer to lab initiative account). A movement was made, seconded, and carried to accept the summary of accounts.

Steven Dean reviewed the Academy Fund for Excellence year to date statement for FY 2017 and 2018, including revenue and expenses. In summary so far this fiscal year, the CEE Academy Fund for Excellence had \$35,365.40 revenue and \$10,396.42 in expenses (net income \$24,968.98 to date). A movement was made to transfer \$10,000 to the lab initiative. It was seconded, and carried to make the transfer.

Other funding totals were presented for FY 16/17 and 17/18. below:

- Steven Dean provided information regarding the department scholarship endowment year to date for FY 17/18. The endowment is currently at \$301,899.94.
- In FY16/17, eight scholarships were awarded, totaling approximately \$13,164.64. It was noted the reason for the odd amounts was due to the Scholarship Committee

understanding all of available funds had to be expended. This was noted as incorrect and that future awards would be whole numbers.

- In FY 17/18, seven scholarships were awarded, totaling \$11,750.00.

Movement was also made to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted.

Department Report

Dr. Venky Shankar – Professor and CECE Chair presented the CECE Chair's Report, reviewing the department enrollment, scholarships, stipends, and faculty. The highlights of Dr. Shankar's vision are:

- Multi-hazards research
- Transdisciplinary, not just interdisciplinary
- Computation can be your third pillar of science
- Unparalleled undergraduate experience
- Uncommon graduate school
- Outreach equity

The CEC Grand Challenge:

- Development
 - Ground sourcing through the Academy
 - Focus groups via the Academy for larger giving
 - Target: \$5M for teaching/lab improvements.
- Hands on learning, improved student/faculty ratios.

New Business

Debbie Starcher stated she was turning over her responsibilities for the Academy. Lisa Betancourt will take over for her.

Stacey Weichert presented options for a newsletter to be submitted to all the Academy members in an attempt to increase participation and funding. Will add the "Give to Tech" website which already includes options for the Endowment and Lab Initiative donations. The department will receive 100% of donations through this website.

Officers

In accordance with the Bylaws, the current Chair will transition out and Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer will transition into the next positions. A call for nominations was made; Victoria Harkins volunteered for the open Secretary/Treasurer position. A motion was made to approve the new officers, which was seconded and carried. Officers for next year are therefore as follows: Stacey Weichert - Chair, Steven Dean– Vice Chair, Victoria Harkins - Secretary/Treasurer.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CECE Academy is expected to follow the 2019 induction ceremony next April (date and time to be determined). The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Steven Dean, Secretary/Treasurer