

## CECE Academy Business Meeting Minutes

*Meeting Date: 4/13/2019*

### Introductions

Reviewed 2019 inductees and introduced 2018-2019 officers (Chair, Stacey Weichert; Vice Chair, Steven Dean; Secretary/Treasurer, Victoria Harkins) and academy members in attendance. Three new members were inducted this year:

Lonnie Satsky  
Kevin Johnson  
Chad Gardiner

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

29 Academy members were in attendance. There was a discussion of recruitments, the need to state the expectations of membership, dues as an invoice. Requested current members who have recommended peers for induction to reach back out to those inductees with a personal request to participate.

### Prior Year Minutes

2018 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made to approve 2018 minutes as presented, which was seconded and carried.

### Treasury

Victoria Harkins reviewed the Academy Fund for Excellence statement for FY 2017/2018, including revenue and expenses. In summary, the CECE Academy Fund for Excellence had \$35,365.40 revenue and \$10,396.42 in expenses (net income \$24,968.98). A movement was made, seconded, and carried to accept the summary of accounts.

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

- Victoria Harkins provided information regarding the department scholarship endowment year to date for FY 17/18. The endowment is currently at \$301,899.94.
- In FY 17/18, seven scholarships were awarded, totaling \$11,750.00.
- In FY 17/18, lab initiative funds account is currently at \$41,193.40. Motion to move 10K from CECE Academy Fund for Excellence to Lab initiative, Carried and Approved
- Dean Al Sacco has presented the options to match funding for the lab initiative for an initial \$250,000 but stated he will be happy to match whatever total is raised.

- CECE Advisory Council provided a challenge to match up to \$20,000 in Academy donations.
- Discussion to include company matching (potential to quadruple donations).
- Special Letter to be drafted by Victoria Harkins (review by Tom Zachman) for special donations, present the funding matching opportunities from Advisory Council, company matching, and Dean Al Sacco's Challenge etc. to raise the funds needed for the CECE Lab Initiative.

Movement was also made to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded and carried.

### **College Report**

Dean Al Sacco presented the current state of the College focusing on:

1. International Engineering, Program Numbers, Uniqueness. College of Architecture now requiring international experience. Secured \$6M of a needed \$10M Endowment.
2. Holden Hall renovation/Arts and Sciences moving out. Changes to Holden Hall include an area for STEM, student sections, undergraduate opportunities, international programs, safety, blended advising (all advising moving out of departments), interview rooms, resume writing, mock interviews, Dean's office, marketing, IT. Classrooms (keep the large current classrooms) but all else less than 50 students per room.
3. Laboratory Renovations, High Quality Learning Spaces, Dean's Challenge, Funding.
4. Endowments for Faculty/Staff, New focus on Energy, Conventional, Wind, Engineers of Medicine (Medical School hire), Research, and
5. Endowments for Graduate Student, Funding from Research not College.

### **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 report are:

- High Technology Learning Space, Professional Grade Software.
- Physical Conduit between graduate and undergraduate students, peer mentoring.
- Infrastructure, 13,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of current space to be optimized.
- Accelerated 1-year M.S. program to be offered.
- Ramp up research to provide more choices for graduate students, exciting research with fair stipends.
- Invited alumni to present, visit with all seminar classes.

Dr. Shankar is excited and offers to come visit CECE alumni and their employers to present and discuss needs as well as the achievements of the Department.

**New Business**

“Give to Tech” website includes options for the Endowment and Lab Initiative donations. The department receives 100% of donations through this website.

Post minutes and financials to Academy Members via e-mail and to Linked-In Group.

Continue to Recruit to Linked-In Group for increased communication

Offer a social event during Homecoming Weekend, potentially at Ranch and Heritage Center

***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; Stephanie Griffin volunteered for the open Secretary/Treasurer position. A motion was made to approve the new officers, which was seconded and carried. Officers for 2019-2020 year are therefore as follows: Steven Dean - Chair, Victoria Harkins – Vice Chair, Stephanie Griffin - Secretary/Treasurer.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the CECE Academy is expected to follow the 2020 induction ceremony next April (date and time to be determined). The meeting was adjourned.

*Minutes submitted by Victoria Harkins, Secretary/Treasurer*