



Construction Management And Civil & Construction Engineering

Advisory Board Minutes

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Members, Faculty, and Guests:

Clay Gordon, Jeff Borgsmiller, Joe Grant, Kevin Young, Jay Canada, Lance Wright, Don Overton, Richard Hedgecock, Doran White, Tim Gorman, Andrew Frith, Lloyd Garrison, John Deramus, Grady Harvell. Kathy Fulks, Donna Mantione, Jeff Borgsmiller, Melinda Markus, Michael Tramel, Nick Jovanovic, Jim Carr, Jim Blacklock, John Mark Squires, Chris Ray, Larry Blackmon Lloyd Weber, Hank Bray, Lashun Thomas, John Woodard, Angie Matika, Whitney Montague, Chris McKenney

- Mike Tramel announced the 2015 Academic Awards with no discussion then introduced Angie Matika and Whitney Montague and had them explain their 2nd place in the ASCE Construction Institute competition where only 30 students were selected nationwide. Some discussion followed with several questions and congratulations.
- Mike Tramel thank the ASC/TEXO sponsors and introduced Lloyd Webre as the new Director of Development and External Affairs. Lloyd explained what he would be doing and that he would be contacting all the advisory council members in the future.
- Mike Tramel did an update on the new EIT Dean search with no discussion and then did a student update with no discussion. He then introduced Dr. Hank Bray and Dr. Lashun Thomas and had them tell about their academic and industry experience. Dr. Thomas has a funded NSF grant for a Hydraulic Fracture Workshop. Mike then introduced John Mark Squires who was awarded the 2015 Faculty Excellence Award for Public Service. Mark told the advisory council about his work with Children International, BEST Robotics, and the Museum of Discovery project with students. There was a lot of discussion about how the Young Leadership Division of Arkansas AGC partnered with various vendors to put on a major event. The discussion ended with the motion that this become an annual event.
- Mike Tramel did an update on the final restricting for UALR and provided the breakdown for EIT as well.
- Mike Tramel introduced Dr. Bray as the new ACCE Coordinator who will be responsible for writing the self-study with the new outcomes based format. UALR was selected as one of the pilot programs for the new outcome based standards. Dr. Bray explained what this meant to the program and the advisory council and some discussion centered on why ACCE moved in this direction. Dr. Bray then explained what he was doing with his new hands on lab for concrete construction with no further discussion.
- Mike Tramel then provided a Wish List and introduced Don Overton who explained that as a member of the Board of Directors for the UALR Foundation Fund Board that it was time to consider a fee to be on the Department Advisory Council. Some discussion followed about how common this was and that some company are paying to serve on the UAF Advisory Council. A budge update was provided with the new tech fee policy explained with no discussion.
- Mike Tramel introduced Donna Mantione as the new Chair of the Operations Committee and outlined a plan to review the construction management binders once the ABET accreditation visit is completed with no discussion.
- Mike Tramel introduced Lance Wright and Richard Hedgecock with Arkansas AGC and they explained about the recent Future Leaders Division panel discussion with about 80 students and 15 AGC members attending a Department Career Fair. Discussion followed and it was recommended that this become an annual event.

- Dr. Jovanovic did a complete update on the three engineering programs including requirements for the AC and FE exams, recent graduate employment and the outcome of the senior design project with no discussion.
- Dr. Jovanovic then explained about the upcoming ABET visit since Systems Engineering is up for re-accreditation the result will be that Civil and Construction Engineering will be re-accredited at the same time. This is a normal process for ABET. Discussion followed that this will happen again when the Architectural and Construction Engineering program goes up for accreditation. Dr. Jovanovic then introduced Jeff Borgsmiller who then made a motion to accept the PEOs again for the new ABET visit. The motion carried and the meeting ended with no further discussion.