

## Approved Minutes of EIT Assembly Meeting held on August 15, 9:00-10:30 a.m., EIT Auditorium

1. Call to Order and Welcome 9:05 AM.  
President Kamran Iqbal brought the assembly to order.
2. Approval of minutes for EIT assembly meeting held on May 3, 2016.  
A motion was made by Jim Carr and seconded by Laura Rahl to approve the minutes of the meeting. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.
3. Introduction of new faculty/staff by department chairs
  - Mike Tramel – introduction of Dr. David Manry from University of Louisiana – Monroe
  - Srikanth Pidugu – introduction of new faculty Dr. Ashokkumar Sharma
  - Elizabeth Pierce – introduction of Dr. Richard Wang (Founding Director of Institute for Chief Data Officers)
4. Remarks/updates from the EIT Dean, Dr. Lawrence Whitman
  - *Recognition*
    - i. Five faculty promotions:
      - Hank Bray, Nick Jovanovic – promoted to professor
      - Schucheng Yu; Mengjun Xie; Mary Yang – tenured
    - ii. Faculty excellence award:
      - Schucheng Yu – Research
      - Ningning Wu – Teaching
      - Thomas Wallace – Service
    - iii. Early Retirement:
      - Gary Anderson
      - Russell Bruhn
      - Swaminadham Midturi
      - George Tebbetts
      - Pete Tschumi
    - iv. ATLE Awards:
      - Michael DeAngelis – Teaching Associate
      - Josh Spinler – Teaching Associate
      - Jim Carr – Professional Associate
  - *Student Services*
    - i. EIT Summer Programs
    - ii. EIT Outreach Programs
  - *EIT Recruitment Data*
  - *EIT Retention*
    - i. New Director of Retention and Student Service – Amy Frets
    - ii. First REU site at UALR- NSF REU Site: CyberSAFE@UALR
  - *Status and Plans*
    - i. New Travel Process
    - ii. New GA Process (Fall and Spring)
    - iii. Executive Council Minutes
      - Get password “GEEKWorld” (all capitals except ‘orld’)
      - Buyout Policy
      - Load Report Consistency
      - Vision/Mission/Value Approved
      - Media Attention to EIT Activities
      - Annual Review Process

- Consistency in Load Reports and PAR
  - Fall Headcount
  - *Philosophy*
    - i. Recruitment and Retention is EVERYONE's job!
    - ii. Need and enrollment and retention target for each unit and the college
    - iii. Continuous improvement – is everyone getting better in their jobs
5. Announcements
- *Institute for Chief Data Officers (iCDO) at UALR*
    - Newest EIT Entity: Created in Summer 2016 (Webpage [ualr.edu/chiefdataofficers](http://ualr.edu/chiefdataofficers))
    - Established jointly by UALR/EIT and MIT
    - Its purpose is to provide a world-class training to empower Chief Data Officers (CDOs)
    - Academically supported by the Information Quality Program
    - First Training offered in September/ Second Training offered in February
  - *Accreditation*
    - i. ABET (2015-2016)
      - Civil Engineering – full accreditation
      - Systems Engineering – full accreditation
    - ii. ABET (2016-2017)
      - Fall visit ASAC
      - Sept 11-13, 2016
      - Construction Management
      - Geology (first science)
  - *Open Forum*
    - i. Retention rate for the college
      - Measure of retention rate
        - Only first time, full-time freshman
        - students with prior concurrent coursework does not count in retention rates
      - UALR – 24% 6 year graduation rate
      - Our student population not measured well by that measure
      - Working on a better measure
      - Goal for new director of retention will develop a better measure
      - Development of a 'data dictionary'
      - High Learning Commission visit addressed the difference between 'retention' and 'persistence' definitions; are we considering this?
      - Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange
      - Governor's new plan – Changed who are peer institutions are, but it is not yet known
6. Remarks from Interim Executive Director, Community Connections Center, Dr. Lillian Wichinsky
- *Food Pantry*
  - *Clinton Global Initiative*
  - *Career Services*
  - *Service-Learning*
7. Career Fair in March
8. Open university-level committee positions
- *Academic Calendar and Schedules Committee – 1 position*  
*Rene Shroat-Lewis on committee: Met once in previous year*
  - *Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee – 4 positions*
  - *Academic Technology and Computing Committee – 1 position*
  - *Committee on Tenure – alternate position (vacated by Srikanth Pidugu)*  
*Nominations: Dr. Serhan Dagtas (accepted nomination - approved)*

- *Faculty Professional Development Committee – 1 position*
- *Faculty Senate – 1 position (vacated by Gary Anderson)*  
*Nominations: Dr. Bray (may not be eligible – nomination withdrawn)*  
*Dr. Eric Sandgren (accepted nomination – approved)*
- *Library Committee – 1 position (2017 term)*
- *Open Forum*
  - i. President Kamran Iqbal job as assembly president to be liaison with administration
  - ii. Homework about committee members should be done by parliamentarian
  - iii. Dean shared report from Cody
  - iv. SSCH – up from last year for this date (this year 10087, last year at this date 9900)

9. Adjourned at 10:06 AM