

## EIT Assembly

# Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/7/2013  
Time: 9:30 am to 11:00 am  
Location: EIT Auditorium  
Attendees: See the Appendix

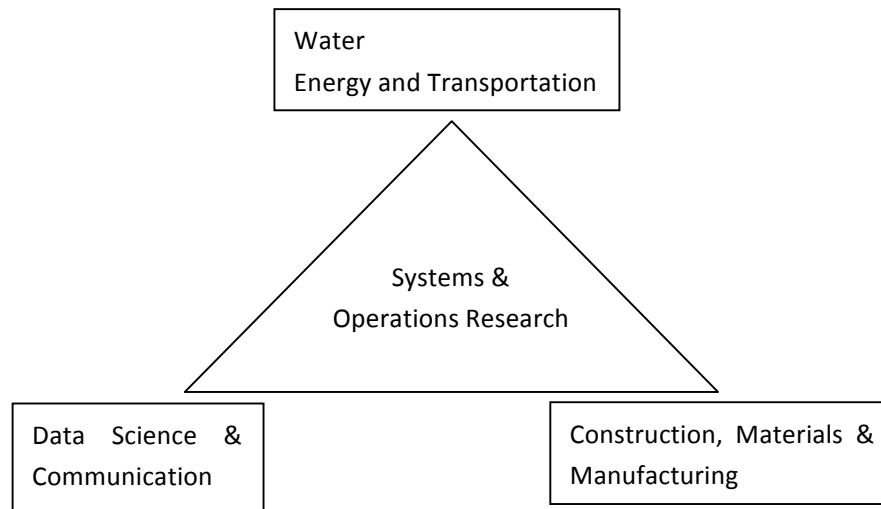
### **Item 1: Discussion by EIT College Dean: Dr. Eric Sandgren**

1. Academic Restructuring
  - Preliminary suggestions (2 alternatives academic structures)
    - EIT & Science combine?
    - Graduate & ORSP
  
2. Quality Initiative: Will establish decision processes based on data
  
3. Budget
  - Dean Sandgren discussed UALR State Budget Increase
  
4. Positions
  - The current searches include the following positions:
    - Director of Bioinformatics Graduate Program
    - Systems Engineering (Mechanics)
    - Technical Director, MidSouth Bioinformatics Center
  - The following vacant positions will be unfilled
    - Systems Engineering (Electrical and Computer)
    - Computer Science
    - Information Science
    - Dean's Office (Assistant Dean, External Relations)
  - We will do more with less
  - Need Arkansas Research Alliance (ARA) Scholar
  
5. Leadership Council
  - 20 members from Little Rock community
  - Tasked with Raising 4 million dollars for:
    - Recruiting
    - Retention
    - Scholarships
  - The Next Meeting of Leadership Council will be on 5/16/2013
  
6. Teaching loads
  - 2 + 2 Teaching Loads will be no longer appropriate

Current Policy of teaching loads requires the Department Chair's Assignments, which will still be in place. It will require follow-up on release activity.

7. Research clusters

Figure:



8. Focus for coming year

Recruitment / Retention (expected increase of 9% -10 %)

Research Funding

Development

Intellectual Property

Need to have more utilization on the following resources:

- HPC
- MEMS Lab
- eAC
- Nano Facilities

**Item 2: Approval of the Meeting Minutes on the EIT Assembly Meeting on 8/21/2012**

Last Meeting Minutes Approved

**Item 3: Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Faculty Status**

The Ad Hoc Committee will focus on the following issues:

- Bureaucracy
- Duplication
- Prepare for the 1<sup>st</sup> Faculty Senate Meeting in Sept. 2013.

\*Ad Hoc Committee members:

Andrew Wright

Nick Jovanovic

Abhijit Bhattacharyya

Cang Ye

Coskun Bayrak

Elizabeth Pierce

**Item 4: Reelect of the EIT Assembly Standing Committees:**

Vote for Only One Person in Each Position Except for Faculty Senate

➤ **College Officers:**

President---Haiyan Xie

Vice President--- Amin Akhnoukh

Secretary---Jim Carr

Parliamentarian--- Pete Tschumi

➤ **University Elected Positions:**

Undergraduate Council---Mike Tramel

Graduate Council---Guoliang Huang

Tenure Committee---Cang Ye

Committee on Committees---Nick Jovanovic

**Vote for Only Three Persons**

➤ **University Elected Positions:**

Faculty Senate---Nick Jovanovic

---Mike Tramel

---Gary Anderson

**Appendix: EIT Assembly Sign in**

| <b>NAME</b>           | <b>DEPARTMENT</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| James Blacklock       | CNMG              |
| John Woodard          | CNMG              |
| Haiyan Xie            | CNMG              |
| Chris Ray             | CNMG              |
| Jim Carr              | CNMG              |
| Catherine Lowry       | IFSC              |
| Thomas Wallace        | IFSC              |
| Serhan Dagtas         | IFSC              |
| Abhijit Bhattacharyya | ASSOCIATE DEAN    |
| Daniel Berleant       | IFSC              |
| Mike Tramel           | CNMG              |
| Guoliang Huang        | SYEN              |
| Cang Ye               | SYEN              |
| Andrew Wright         | SYEN              |
| Radu Babiceanu        | SYEN              |
| Srikanth Pidugu       | ET                |
| George Tebbetts       | ET                |
| Pete Tschumi          | ET                |

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| John R. Talburt  | IFSC |
| Kamram Iqbal     | SYEN |
| Coskun Bayrak    | CPSC |
| Elizabeth Pierce | IFSC |
| Nick Jovanovic   | CNMG |
| Sesh Mohan       | SYEN |
| Eric Sandgren    | Dean |
| Gary Anderson    | SYEN |
| Steven Minsker   | CPSC |
| Kenji Yoshigoe   | CPSC |
| Bruce Bauer      | IFSC |
| Rama Reddy       | SYEN |