Notes from 10/18/11 Chairs/Directors Meeting

Present: Shore, Belch, Salehizadeh, Plice, Krentler, Varaiya, Cunningham, Tomic, Williams, Ballam, Singh

Absent: Lightner

Guests: Fleming, Honea, Ely

The committee convened at 9AM to discuss the development of the graduate curriculum. Fleming, Honea, and Ely as a delegation from the Graduate Curriculum Committee presented a progress report on the graduate curriculum. While significant progress has been made, the delegation asked the committee for clarity on two issues which would influence its future progress on the project. Parts of the curriculum innovation would require funds for an orientation and the implementation of a modular approach. The delegation from the Graduate Committee asked the members of the committee to reflect on the presentation/discussion and provide any concerns by the end of business on Thursday 10/20/11. According to the delegation, there is unanimous support in the Graduate Committee for the approach which they presented. The Chairs/Directors expressed gratitude to the Graduate Committee for their leadership on this important initiative.

Dean Cunningham reported that the College will be collaborating with the College of Engineering on selecting a director for the engineering incubator, and that collaboration will result in opportunities for our students to be an important part of understanding the commercialization of technology. Dean Cunningham also reported that he has gathered his thoughts on the strategic plan and will turn those over to the Steering Committee for deliberation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10AM. The next meeting is scheduled for 10/25/11 from 9-11 in the DCR.

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