Present: Ram Pendyala (chair), Jit Muthuswamy, Greg Raupp, Nadia Kellam, Samantha Brunhaver, Marcus Herrmann, Brent Vernon, Esma Gel, Arun Sen, Andreas Spanias
Absent: Susan Squire (Secretary), Kenneth Sullivan, Cun-Zheng Ning

Approval minutes from December EC meeting. The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Dean’s Distinguished Lecture Speaker. Ram will send a draft note to committee members for use when inviting potential speakers to campus. Initially, George Whiteside (Harvard/Barbara Smith), Arati Prabhakar (DARPA/John Parsey) and Megan Smith (Whitehouse/Shawn Jordan) will be contacted.

It was suggested that Engineering supporters like Craig Barrett should be engaged to identify and bring speakers to campus. It will need to be determined how to track that list of individuals; perhaps compile them as an “industrial” group. If individuals are not available for Fall, 2017 they should also be asked for future timeframes.

Faculty Evaluation Process Document. The discussion for an updated process will target the AY2018 evaluation cycle. Ram will revise the document and include comments received. It was asked whether some of the suggestions could be piloted within units. Committee members should informally suggest to their program chairs to see how a new component might work. It will be important to make sure we follow any Engineering processes along the way.

Upcoming issues. Ram will follow-up with Vice Dean Marco Saraniti regarding any potential future issues that the Executive Committee should tackle. Suggestions from the committee included teaching load distribution, SCH model, TA support.

Additional Follow-up. Annette will check the provost’s website to check on approved Engineering criteria documents for non-tenure-track faculty. It will be important to design a path for them to move forward in their careers. Currently on Provost’s website approved criteria for: lecturers, research faculty (and T/T). Currently under review: criteria for academic professionals.

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