

PURDUE UNIVERSITY College of Engineering
Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2024, 11:45-12:45 pm, ARMS 3041

Member	Title	Unit	Term Ends	Present
Luna Lu	Associate Dean of Faculty	COE	N/A	Y
Karen Marais	Professor	AAE	2027	Y
Marshall Porterfield	Professor	ABE	2026	N
Andrew Brightman	Professor of Practice	BME	2025	Y
Ted Weidner	Professor of Practice	CCE	2025	Y
Jeffrey Miller	Professor	ChE	2025	Y
Stanislaw Zak	Professor	ECE	2025	Y
Abigail Engelberth	Associate Professor	EEE	2025	N
Joyce Main	Professor	ENE	2027	Y
Susan Hunter	Associate Professor	IE	2025	N
Neera Jain	Associate Professor	ME	2026	N
Mike Titus	Associate Professor	MSE	2027	Y
Chan Choi	Professor	NE	2026	Y
Kathy Heath	Managing Director, Office of Academic Affairs	OAA	N/A	Y
Robin Benson	Sr. Administrative Asst.	OOA	N/A	Y

Purpose and Charter of the FAC

https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/AboutUs/Administration/AcademicAffairs/Policies/engineering_faculty_bylaws.html

Engineering Faculty Affairs Committee: *Members of the committee shall consist of one representative each from the voting members of the faculties of the schools, departments and divisions of engineering, plus the Dean of Engineering or the Dean's designated representative. Members representing the schools, departments and divisions shall be elected by ballot by the voting members of their respective faculties, except that Heads of engineering schools, departments and divisions shall be ineligible for membership. Each member shall normally serve for three years beginning with the start of the fall semester. No member shall serve continuously for more than six years.*

This committee shall:

- a) Advise the Dean on issues regarding faculty affairs.*
- b) Suggest and provide ways and means for effective communication among all members of the engineering academic community.*
- c) Obtain nominations for and supervise elections to engineering committees as required by these bylaws or by University Regulations.*
- d) Review appointments to engineering committees which require a vote for the election of the members.*
- e) Advise the Dean relative to the agenda of faculty meetings, matters relating to membership of various committees, and other matters affecting committee and faculty activities.*
- f) Serve in other capacities as requested by the Dean or the faculty.”*

FAC Members

https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/People/Committees/ptPeopleListing?group_id=23820

Agenda and Discussion Leaders

- 1) Meeting Administration – Joyce Main
 - a. Call to order at 11:46am
 - b. Agenda review and approved by consensus
 - c. Review and approval of minutes: [FACMinutes 2024 05 01](#) By consensus.
- 2) Introduction of Committee Members
- 3) Election of New Chair
 - Karen Marais and Joyce Main received nominations. Joyce Main was elected Chair for 2024-2025.
- 4) Updates from Luna Lu - Faculty Searches, Distinguished Lecture Series, Faculty Concerns, Faculty Death Reporting
 - Open Searches for exceptional hires emphasizing AAE, Semiconductor, Computer AI, Data Science, Mechanical Engineering and Quantum Engineering, Energy, Battery, Renewable energy initiative, among others.
 - Concerns were raised regarding lack of faculty prospects in MSE
 - Concerns were raised regarding when the search for a new ENE School Head will begin. The interim School Head has been in this role for a year and a half.
 - Overview of the 2024-25 Distinguished Lecture Series - due to Atrium construction there will be no lecture series October and November. The series will resume in December.
- 5) Update on Procedures for Reporting Faculty Deaths – Joyce Main
 - Reporting of Faculty Deaths document was discussed, with suggestions for edits to be made by Joyce Main then recirculated in preparation for a vote at the next FAC meeting.
- 6) Topics for Next Meeting
 - Procurement Concerns
 - ENE Department Head Update
 - Campus Parking Concerns
- 7) Next meeting: **Tuesday, October 1, 2024 – 2:30-3:30pm – ARMS 3041**

8) Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm