

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY College of Engineering  
Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2025 - 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., ARMS 3041**

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

**Purpose and Charter of the FAC**

[https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/AboutUs/Administration/AcademicAffairs/Policies/engineering\\_faculty\\_bylaws.html](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](https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/People/Committees/ptPeopleListing?group_id=23820)

## **Agenda and Discussion Leaders**

1. Meeting Administration – Joyce Main
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m.
  - b. The February 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.
  - c. The meeting agenda was presented and unanimously approved.
2. Dave discussed the FAC By-Laws amendment, and what it would entail to initiate voting by all the engineering faculty. An email will be sent out to the faculty indicating the amendment. No response is considered a “yes” vote. Faculty choosing to vote against will have to send an email indicating this. Virtual office hours with Dave Bahr and Brandon Sorge will be organized to hear concerns and answer questions from faculty.
3. Dave asked FAC to remind their faculty to complete COACHE Survey.
4. Indiana Bill SEA202 - Not answering the survey as a way to “make a point” is not advised. Concerns regarding the bill - encourage others to think critically, and to get involved with the local legislative councils/boards.
5. Faculty Awards were discussed and the need to encourage faculty to become members of their respective associations if they have not yet joined. There are resources available at the college-level, and it would be good to also use this for awards recognized by NRC.

Faculty searches are continuing to move forward. It was noted that continued growth will also mean more space will be needed, especially for the Indianapolis campus.

6. Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 12:30-1:30 p.m. – ARMS 3041.**
7. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.