

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

Member	Title	Unit	Term Ends	Present
David Bahr	Sr. Associate Dean of Faculty	COE	N/A	Y
Karen Marais	Professor	AAE	2027	Y
Marshall Porterfield	Professor	ABE	2026	Y
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	Y
Joyce Main	Professor	ENE	2027	Y
Susan Hunter	Associate Professor	IE	2025	Y
Neera Jain	Associate Professor	ME	2026	Y
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.	OAA	N/A	N

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. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.
2. Due to time constraints and his need to board a plane, we rearranged the agenda a bit to allow Dave Bahr to join us via Zoom to provide an update to the Indiana Bill SEA202. Purdue is following the state law, which mandates that: *"In accordance with Indiana law, the assessment will include consideration of the following: 1) Has the individual exposed students to scholarly works from a variety of political or ideological frameworks that may be within and applicable to the given academic discipline? And 2) Has the individual refrained from subjecting students to views and opinions concerning matters not related to the discipline or assigned course of instruction?"*

To facilitate the collection of responses, we are asking faculty to respond to a short survey, to be sent via email, attesting to compliance with the policies noted above by April 30, 2025.

3. Dave reminded the committee that we must do 3rd year reviews this year following the new format. All heads have been sent the list of faculty that (according to success factors) will need contract extensions after the 3rd year.
4. Dave will be sending an email to all faculty to notify them of the changes under consideration to the FAC By-Laws. Three Q&A sessions have been calendared for Brandon Sorge and Dave Bahr to answer any questions that may arise from faculty regarding the proposed changes.
5. Continued Meeting Administration
 - a. The March 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.
 - b. The meeting agenda was presented and unanimously approved, given the necessary changes due to Dave's travel constraints and availability to present.
6. Kristy Eaton, Director of CARES HUB (Community, Assistance and Resources for Engineering Students) presented an overview of the program. CARES vision is to promote and sustain a

culture of well-being for all Purdue engineering students that focuses on the five dimensions of well-being; physical, mental, social, spiritual wellness, school and life balance. There is a multi-tiered system of supports approach that includes a physical space to study, relax and connect, social events, well-being workshops, QPR suicide prevention training, peer educators/mentors and therapists on-site with walk-in hours.

7. Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 12:30-1:30 p.m. – ARMS 3041.**
8. Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.