 Engineering Senate Proposal 2021-05

 Transmittal Form

Revised Plan of Organization for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Date: January 15, 2021

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Prior Review: Approved by the Department of CEE on May 20, 2020

Review Dates: FAC – January 15, 2021 | Senate Meeting – January X, 2021

Voting Method: A simple-majority vote of the Engineering Senate

Document(s): CEE Draft Revised Plan of Organization, 2020

CEE Plan of Organization, 2016

[Link to documents](https://umd.box.com/s/eroa3osszuspjyxbo0g6g9vr0z8g3ngl)

ISSUE

CEE’s revised Plan of Organization is a major rewrite of the 2016 Plan. This was developed in 2020 by CEE’s ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee. The main objectives of the new Plan of Organization are: (1) To eliminate the previous structure of technical group silos; (2) To include PTK faculty into departmental governance; and (3) To strengthen the CEE administration by creating new Associate Chairs for Undergraduate Programs, Graduate Programs, and Faculty Development and Advancement.

COMMITTEE WORK

The FAC considered this proposal and all linked documents in a zoom meeting on Jan. 15, 2021. The FAC voted unanimously in favor of recommending that the Engineering Senate approve this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The only financial implication identified was additional compensation paid to Associate Chairs. In addition to the one course relief per year that they had received before as Directors, each of the three Associate Chairs at present receives $5,000 in discretionary funds annually.

ENGINEERING SENATE VOTE

The Engineering Senate discussed this proposal at a regular meeting on Jan. X, 2021. The vote to approve this proposal was X in favor, Y opposed, and Z abstained. Thus, by a simple-majority vote, the Engineering Senate has (approved?) this proposal.