EAC Meeting on 4/22/2016 – Rob reminded members to attend the Engineering Advisory Council meeting, especially in the afternoon when three departments make presentations, followed by breakout group discussion.

Faculty Interviews and Hiring Update, Including Dual Careers – About 18 offers had been made or were nearly ready for tenure-line hires, including 6 female and 2 Hispanic, as of the meeting.

Faculty Office Update – We anticipate a shortfall of about 20 offices in Fall 2016. New offices are being created in the old flume lab (below BOLD) and may be ready by then. We have also been allocated temporary space in the Fleming office tower.

Reminder of Renovation Proposals due 4/18/16

Update on Annual Faculty Evaluations and Raises – Review of evaluations was finished shortly after the meeting date and then Rob scheduled meetings with chairs and directors to finalize evaluations. The raise pool includes both a merit component and a compression component. Rob also reminded chairs to add comments to the self-evaluations and plans written by the faculty.

Fully Online Undergraduate Degrees – Any Interest? No.

Senior Design Project Support – Scott Palo reported that there has been discussion but no decision about moving senior design project support from grants to gifts. There is a preference for grants, due to potential intellectual property rights, but with a streamlined process.

Graduate Tuition and Professional Master’s Programs Update – The Regents approved two tiers of engineering tuition, with the newest professional master’s programs in the tier with higher nonresident tuition. We will implement a tuition buy-down for these students to the lower rate, or possibly an intermediate rate. Revenues from professional master’s programs are shared with the units in which the students are enrolled – a mechanism or algorithm for sharing these revenues when students take courses outside their home departments is needed.

Anything Else? The extension of the EEF program fee to ATLAS courses was approved, and ATLAS students and faculty should participate in proposal submittals. JoAnn announced that she will be retiring effective August 1, then working part-time on a limited basis. Doug Smith is chairing a search for her replacement.

In Attendance: Rob Davis, JoAnn Zelasko, Sarah Miller, Anne Shoup, Ken Anderson, Keith Molenaar, Scott Palo, Dave Klaus, Dan Schwartz, Balaji Rajagopalan, Jim Martin, Bob McLeod, Mike Hannigan