4:00 Updates on Professional Master’s Programs and Tuition Discussion: Engineering tuition was moved to a linear model (fixed amount per credit hour) this year, and a similar model with a few different rates per credit is being considered for campus. Our college would like to see a smaller difference between professional and traditional master’s rates, though the overall tuition collected by campus will need to be preserved. Instead of tuition, the defining difference between professional and traditional master’s degrees should be based on the curriculum and inclusion of research or not. It was also recommended that, as we move to a linear tuition model, PhD students who have completed coursework and have passed their comprehensive exam no longer be required to register for a minimum of 5 credits. It was also recommended that the tuition built into research grant budgets be for 9 credits per semester (at most), since on average graduate students register for only about 7 credits per semester. Finally, it was agreed that the dean’s office would track the courses taken by professional master’s students and split the tuition revenues received half and half between the home (major) unit of a student and the unit where each course is taken, starting this year.

4:15 Payment for Course Overloads and Distance Education: Faculty are allowed to teach up to one course overload per semester (with written permission of the unit chair and the dean) and be paid for this overload in an amount equal to the typical cost per course of an adjunct instructor (typically about $8000 at present for most units in the college). This course overload may include distance students in a regular course, with the faculty member typically receiving about one third to one half of the distance tuition returned to the department, up to the aforementioned maximum per semester. The payment may be either salary or discretionary funds.

4:20 Oct 14 EAC Agenda Update: The Oct 14 Engineering Advisory Council meeting will focus on research and industry/university partnerships in the morning and on three departments (AES, CEAE, ECEE) in the afternoon.

4:25 Open Discussion and Good News: DEAA and RAA nominations are open through Oct 31 – a new slate of candidates is needed, and each department is encouraged to make at least two nominations. Lockheed Martin has committed $3 M in endowment funding and up to $1 M per year in research funding for a new RF Center at CU (ECEE and AES). Student surveys show areas where campus and college climates should be improved for both grad and ugrad students. Keith noted the need for improved graduate student space, housing, and social programs. Anne said that plans are being developed for stewarding graduate fellowships. The Engineering Excellence Fund is looking for faculty advisors – each department is encouraged to nominate one faculty member.

In Attendance: Rob Davis, Keith Molenaar, Scott Palo, Ken Anderson, Anne Shoup, Cherie Summers, Sarah Miller, Penny Axelrad, Charles Musgrave, Liz Jessup, Angela Bielefeldt, Bob McLeod, Mike Hannigan