

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY ORGANIZATION (CEFO) MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, Mar 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM.

Location: EPIC G287

Attendance The following individuals were recorded as present via signature on the attendance sheets:

Brett Tempest, Christopher Green, Meg Harkins, Robert Loweth, Yi Cao, Joshua Dickenson; Yamllka Baez; Sheldon Xie; Ahmed El-Ghannam; Olya Keen; Kevin Lindsay Edward Morse; Carlos González-Calderon; Glenn Moglen; Benny Rodriguez-Medina; Soumitra Joy Aivars Vilguts; Jaewon Oh; Maria Guimaraes; Courtney Smith-Orr; Nicole Braxtan; Courtney Green Kevin Lawton; Simon Hsiang; Jeff Raquet; Asis Nasipuri; Jaime Berez; Junqiu Wang; Meg Harkins Lingguang Song; Sherman Mumford; Regina Vrikkis

Welcome and Approval of January 20th meeting minutes

President's remarks

Dean's report

Website Changes

KEEN Announcement

New Faculty Activity Reporting System

Special Committee Report

Adjourn

Welcome and Approval of January 20th meeting minutes

- There was a change in the agenda, and the amended agenda was adopted.
- The minutes from the Jan, 20th, 2026 meeting were approved unanimously.

President's Remarks

- COFE committee's selection
 1. New CEFO Secretary: Yi Cao (Assistant Teaching Professor, OSDS)
 2. Executive Leadership Transition: Maciej Noras will become President next year.
 3. Election for CFO & University Committees; All full-time faculty can apply (Teaching, Special Appointment).

Dean's Report

- Dean presented the CEFO meeting today.
- Budget update
 - Still operating on the 2023-2025 NC Biennium Budget
 - Hiring Delayed
 1. Faculty hiring is ongoing
 2. Staff application is ongoing and filled.
 3. Post-doc and student hiring are not impacted.
- 2025 F&A distribution model
 1. F&A to colleges
 2. F&A University recognized centers

- Faculty & Staff hiring finishes in each department.
- Enrollment of student
 1. 2025 Fall Application: 4066; Admit: 3404
 2. 2026 YDT Application: 4403; Admit: 3467
- Program updates
 1. AI minor: University Wide (CHESS); College Electives; Fall 2026; AI integrated Engr Curriculum
- NSF regional innovation engines project
 1. One 15 finalists: John Daniels-PI; Rob Cox-Co-PI; Jim Gafford; Saffeer Khan

Website Changes

- Asis Nasipuri presented the current progress of website development
- Website Draft Page Examples
 1. Internal resource page
 2. Ask for any suggestions or comments on website

Open house next Saturday for volunteers

KEEN Announcement

- Meg Harkins presented the KEEN announcement.
- A third podcast titled " Conversations on Teaching and Mindsets Prompted by Books" is launching.
- Conversations on Teaching and Mindsets Prompted by Books, Powered by Experience With Host Rohini Abhyankar, Episode #4 will be released for April.
- Five faculty members will host the KEEN conference sharing session on April 9th: Yi Cao, JQ Wang, Arun Ravindran, Courtney Green, and Christopher Green.
- Five faculty members will join the summer faculty workshops with KEEN: Austin Fifield; Aivars Vilguts; Terence Fagan; Yawo Amengonu; Carlos Gonzalez-Calderon.
- Registration for 2nd Annual KEEN in the Carolinas event starts until April 1.

Online Faculty Activity Reporting System

- Asis Nasipuri presented the program for Online Faculty Activity Reporting System .
- Technical Team: OneIT
- Departmental Superusers: need one faculty member from each department by April 3rd.
- Project Timeline: Jan 2026- Jan 2027

Adjournment

- The next CEFO meeting is scheduled for April 21st, 2026.
- A motion to adjourn was made and adopted.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 PM.