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## ***J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering Faculty Meeting Agenda***

Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
3:00pm – 4:30pm

**Attendees:** Schmidt, Bolch, Ding, Gunduz, Furtney, Fuller, Fang, Nichols, Otto, Keselowsky, Rashidi, Phelps, Hudalla, Porras, Ferrall-Fairbanks, Ferris, Taylor, Stabler, Sharma, Williams, Murfee, McFetridge,

**1. Call to Order –**

Meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm

**2. Guest –** None

**3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes –** August 25, 2021 minutes emailed in advance

August minutes were approved by a majority of votes.

**4. Important Dates to Note** (mark your calendars!)

➤ Events

- September 17 – CMU Forum on Biomedical Engineering (virtual)
- September 20 – Leadership Seminar, Raphael Lee, Chicago
- September 21 – “Meet the Faculty” Workshop (hosted by BME faculty search committee)
- September 27 – Seminar, James Moon, Michigan (joint with ChE)
- September 30 – IAMBE Symposium (virtual)
- October 4 – Seminar, Mei He, UF
- October 6-9 – BMES Conference, Orlando (hybrid)
- October 11 – Seminar, Joyce Wong, Boston (hosted by GSC)
- October 18 – Seminar, Nesreen Alsmadi, Axogen
- October 29 – Halloween Event (tentative date)
- November 29 – Leadership Seminar, Jim Collins, Harvard/MIT

**5. Discussion Items**

5.1. Safety Minute (Lakiesha) (5 minutes)

The College Safety Committee did not meet this month. BME Faculty are encouraging students to wear masks in the classroom.

5.2. Diversity and Inclusion Minute (Parisa) (5 minutes)

Dr. Rashidi discussed reframing diversity in learning, i.e., neurodivergence.

5.3. Administrative Updates (Shaima)

N/A

5.4. Items Requiring Action

None

5.5. Department and COE Updates and Discussion Items

#### 5.5.1. Chair Updates (Christine) (5-10 minutes)

##### ➤ Events Coordination Updates

Dr. Schmidt shared a table of the staff leading our upcoming events.

##### ➤ BMES Plans (expanded trainee scholarships)

Plans include graduate student recruitment and possibly faculty recruitment.

Trainee fellowships have been provided to many of our students

##### ➤ Rankings Updates

Our UG BME program has increased in rankings from 16 to 13 in public universities. Kudos to our UG team! Grad rankings will come out in the Spring.

##### ➤ Reporting Out for Committee Chairs

Research Committee: will be meeting this month to discuss organizing Pruitt Research Day.

IDEA Committee: Three departmental events are organized. An international student orientation is planned for 9/24<sup>th</sup>. For Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, we will have Dr. Sindia Rivera-Jimenez as our guest speaker on 9/29<sup>th</sup> and we will have a cooking class from Dr. Carlos Rinaldi-Ramos on 10/13<sup>th</sup>. All events will be held online.

Outreach Committee: BME Community Outreach funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will be released next month and the online application (a Google form) will be due Jan 15<sup>th</sup> and winners will be announced in February. Dr. Fang especially encouraged junior faculty who will be writing NSF CAREER Award applications to take advantage of this opportunity.

Alumni Connect will be held online tentatively Nov 1-5<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5.5.2. Faculty Search Committee Update (Greg) (10 minutes)

Dr. Hudalla has organized a Meet the Faculty Workshop for our senior PhD students and post-docs to discuss the faculty interview process on 9/21. Students and postdocs have been asked to come prepared with their CVs and a research poster. The faculty search committee members and some of our recent hires will be in attendance and all faculty are invited and are asked to spread the word.

Our departmental faculty search announcement has been posted. Faculty are encouraged to spread the word and keep on doing so until the closing date of Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. We want to enrich the applicant pool as much as we can. Faculty Search Committee will attend the BMES Meet the Faculty Candidates Session, but given that our two lines are in AI, the committee will also target other outlets in Neuroscience and computational sciences.

#### 5.5.3. Faculty Recruiting/Teaching Needs (Christine/Kevin) (20-30 minutes)

Our third faculty line may be allocated for an instructional faculty. A professor of practice could be valuable, but it was discussed that we should continue to build bridges with our industry partners and alumni, who have been willing to connect with our students. Hiring industry adjuncts was discussed. In terms of teaching needs for the UG curriculum, the classes mentioned with needs were design, medical imaging, Biosignals and systems, Bioinstrumentation, and Bioinstrumentation Lab. Someone who can teach any our experiential learning classes would be valuable. Faculty was supportive of hiring an instructional faculty.

5.6. Student Org Updates (All) (5 minutes)

BMES has been hosting social events, prof dev, and technique workshops. 2 UF BME Design teams were selected for the BMES Design Competition.

ASB is holding a welcome event next week.

**6. New Items (all)**

None

**7. Adjourn at 4:31PM**

**Committees Not Reporting:** Executive Committee (Mingzhou); T&P Committee (Cherie); Grad Program Committee (Ben); UG Program Committee (Lee); IDEA Committee (Parisa); Engagement, Outreach, & Public Relations Committee (Ruogu); Seminar Committee (Ed); Awards Committee (Ayse); Research Committee (Dan)