

# CECS College Council Meeting

## Minutes – 05/03/2024

### **11:50AM Start**

**Present:** Maysam Pournik, Erik Enriquez, Thang Pham, Domingo Molina, Alley Butler, Emmanuel Edinbarough, Mataz Alcoutlabi, Sanjeev Kumar, Nantakan Wongkasem (Special Guest: Dean Qubbaj)

1. Discussion with Dean Qubbaj
  - Council is doing an amazing job
  - Dean's office may purchase some extra regalia to have on hand for faculty members to attend commencement if they do not have their own
2. Travel Support
  - Modified support guidelines to add stipulation that faculty should receive *either* approval or monetary support in order to faculty to receive additional travel support from the college
  - Only one extra CECS support per year
3. Quality of Teaching with Changing Times
  - We can educate faculty and students on how to use gen AI effectively to increase productivity
  - Faculty can explore developing curated course materials to make courses have a live, online component. This would allow faculty to spend more effort on individual instruction and mentoring throughout their learning
4. Long-term Research Contributions
  - Developing networks, publishing books or developing patents have a longer time for investment
5. Differences in Evaluations and Criteria among Departments / Workload / Merit Guidelines
  - Committee thoroughly investigated and discussed equitable criteria for evaluation in Teaching, Service, and Research by studying approaches taken by each department and compiled recommended changes
  - Additionally, these topics
6. Conflict between Centers and Departments
  - Committee interviewed center leads to identify issues and compiled a report to the dean. Work will continue as committee is able to contact more center leads to find solutions.

**Meeting adjourns at 12:50 PM**