College of Engineering Differential Tuition Oversight Meeting December 8, 2022

PRESENT: Jagath Kaluarachchi (College), Thomas Fronk (MAE/College), Marv Halling (CEE), Amber Buatte (Business Services), Allison Bernhardt (Engineering Senator), and Isabelle Santini (E-Council President)

Amber presented the differential tuition distribution data and discussed the amounts spent by each department and the corresponding areas of focus such as TA wages, supplies, etc. It was indicated that per the original proposal, differential tuition cannot be used to pay salaries of tenure track faculty, but funds can be used to hire or pay salaries of teaching faculty such as lecturers, adjunct faculty, and professional practice professors.

Jagath mentioned that the intent is to make sure that funds are given back to the students. Jagath asked what Allison and Isabelle saw as the primary need for students and the answer was TA/grader support.

Marv asked a question related to the calculation of funding per student credit hours. Amber explained that the calculation was based on total differential tuition received by a specific department divided by the total student credit hours taught by that same department.

It was mentioned that we were recently audited on the use of our funds and that we passed the audit with no issues. Amber mentioned that we keep the differential tuition funds separate from any other funds within the college and we are careful to make sure we use the funds in allowable ways to benefit the students.

The general consensus was that funds are being used in allowable ways and that students are receiving benefits from differential tuition funds.