



**Set Rep Meeting
School of Energy**

February 28th, 2017 – 5:30pm

Chair: Dean Tamboline

Staff: Darla Willisroft, Administrative Coordinator

Guest Speakers: Forrest Tittle, Dean, School of Energy

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
2. **New Business**
 - 2.1. Upcoming Events
 - 2.2. School of Energy Name Change
3. **Open Forum Discussion**
4. **Next Meeting:** March 22nd, 2017
5. **Meeting Adjournment**

1.0 Meeting Called to Order: 17:34

2.0 New Business

2.1 Upcoming events

a) **Big Business Career Fair** – March 9th, 12-4pm in the Great Hall.

- 40+ companies looking for people in all sectors.
- How serious is the job fair? Do we need a suit and resume?
 - Yes, I would recommend that to make a good first impression.

b) **LAN Party** – March 24th, register on the [Facebook group](#).

- Games include: League of Legends, Smash, Counter Strike, DotA and more!
- Will have table top and card games as well.
- Could we request a game to be added if we don't see it listed?
 - Let them know on the registration form.

c) **Tech Start-ups - Entrepreneurship Panel Discussion** – March 2nd, 5:30-7:30pm

- About starting your tech company; [rsvp through website](#).

d) Tonight: **SoE and SoHS Mingler & Career Networking**

- Habitat pub from 5:30-8:30pm
- 'Green' industry representatives – sustainable initiatives, 30 employers.

2.2 School of Energy Name Change

a) Has anyone talked to their set about this?

- Hard to change name while other programs are still within it. Some might not want to fall under School of Engineering.

b) What are the main themes you see in the list of programs currently under the School of Energy?

- Engineering.
- Similarities between courses, physics would be one class that most if not all have in common; all are based on modern technology.
- Applied sciences.
- Why even differentiate?
 - Nice for everyone to be included in the same bracket. Haven't heard any good arguments otherwise. Name isn't accurate, but the energy to change it isn't worth it.
- Other Schools identify their programs with the Schools they are within. For example you ask an Accounting student they will say that they are in the School of Business.
- Why was it set up this way to include a large swathe of programs? Feels like a mixed bag.
- The name has been changed multiple times since founding. In 1992 it was called School of Engineering Technology; Electrical and Electrical Technology; following that was a period had 11-12 Schools; 2006 became School of Manufacturing, Electronics and Industrial Processes; 2010 called School of Energy. Polytechnics distinguish themselves by not being liberal arts and have a tighter tie to industry. Don't align with disciplines but rather industry sectors which are likely where this name came from. In each School there is a mix of programs. Mechanical, electrical are biggest pillars, others

are chemical and environmental, other is computer systems administrator and machinists with power engineering, millwright, HVAC. Some might be a stretch for being related to energy.

- How do you feel about the name change?
 - Depends on what it would be. Engineering he wouldn't support. That would necessitate a reworking.
- Are the jobs resulting from these programs fit into the energy sector?
 - No, I would hope not. There are many different industries out there.
- It's about how you frame it and where you look.
- Not adverse to a name change but it would have to be compelling.

c) Do you think the current name of the School accurately reflects the majority of programs within?

- Students shouldn't have to be forced to explain that what their program means in relation to the name of the School.
- Take pride in being in this School but have to always educate people that they aren't in school to design solar panels.

d) Do you tell people that you are in the School of Energy?

- No one tells people that but they also don't care.
- More focused on getting the piece of paper.
- Never even heard of the School of Energy. Does it show on the diplomas and degrees what School you graduate from?
 - Yes.
- Would rather support restructuring than just a name change.
- Always bumps in administration regardless of name – came from a system where all trades were in the same School.
- Without a restructure, a name chosen would be just as redundant. Can't think of one name which would encompass all the programs in the School either way.
- What does it mean to be more tightly aligned with the School? Every School must have one or more people who know the ITA system. Would make a lot more sense to have all the trades in one School so that there is a focus on the trades. Would allow for better student services at least.
- General consensus that a restructuring would be the best route, especially for trades programs.

3.0 Open Forum Discussion

- Cleanliness of microwaves in the rec area of SE16 is a concern.
- Dean and Forrest are working on having an entrepreneur come in in April to tell his story. He's brought pharmaceutical and energy related companies to the market. Interesting and valuable opportunity to come to the presentation. Get a feel for what is involved in starting your own venture. Pizza will be there. Inviting the whole institution; will be on a Wednesday.
 - Better to have this talk earlier in April so that it doesn't conflict with exams.
- Lab instructor issue with set – lab course with finicky marking. Not getting labs back in a timely fashion and therefore not finding out in time to correct mistakes. Disrespectful and unhelpful. Lab

instructor, instructor and program head have been of little help. Doesn't show up for class and doesn't follow own timelines. Talk to Craig, Associate Dean for Electrical Engineering.

- Get set to sign paper before you go in?
- Similar problem with teacher in Mech; changes weren't made until end of term.
- Issue with same instructor – there are policies that will help you, especially regarding reasonable timelines. BCIT has policies online.
- Advocate knows the policies and will be able to give recommendations.
- Confirming with trainer about first aid over spring break.

4.0 Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 28th, 5:30pm Council Chambers (location to be confirmed)

5.0 Meeting Adjourned: 18:15