Dean’s Report

ECS Board of Advocates

April 25, 2008
Today’s Meeting

Directed by Mrs. Leigh Ann Marshall, Advancement Coordinator

- The Student Life & Recruiting Gang
  - Ramey, Ecklund, Dabney

- The Graduate & Research Gang
  - Sturgill, Thompson, Van Treuren

- Students
  - Mart, McNew, Brewster, Narvaez, Shirazi-Fard

- The Global Business Communication Gang
  - Bradley, Blaylock, Grinols, Edwards

- The Development Gang (including closed)
  - Kennedy, Barnett, Minor, Prescott
Strategic Initiative Proposals

- Last year (all approved for fundraising)
  - Facilities Expansion (Everybody)
  - Gaming & Simulations (Donahoo & Sturgill)
  - Global Poverty Center (Bradley & Jordan)

- This year (under review)
  - Ph.D. CS (Sturgill)
  - Ph.D. ECE (Eisenbarth)
  - Ph.D. ME (Jordan)
ECS Facilities Expansion

- Several stemming from strategic process
- Architects selected (Overland Partners, Austin)
- ECS Committee
  - Baker, Jean, Newberry, Hynan
- Preliminary discussion meeting (27-Mar-08)
- Options
  - Expand
  - Move
  - General Tire (graduate/research)
Application Numbers

Freshman Fall 2008

- Inquiry → Applied → Accepted → Deposited → Enrolled
- Myriad of recruiting & retention activities
- Numbers Strong
Faculty Searches

- **Retiring**
  - Dr. Jim Farison (ECE)
  - Dr. Tommie Thompson (ME)

- **Searches**
  - ECE (S Florida, U Denver, Purdue)
  - ME (Arizona, Oxford)
The Good News

Faculty

- Ian Gravagne - Achievement Award for New Scholars
- Jeff Donahoo - Outstanding teaching
- Erich Baker - Outstanding research
- Ben Kelley - ABET Commission
- Jim Farison - Emeritus status
Lots of Good Students

- Juan Yaquain - Goldwater Scholar
- Senior Design Team lift system
- March Madness of the Mind
- ASME Design & presentation
- ICPC Regional & World Finals
  - Top ten in region
  - MIT finishes second, St. Petersburg first
Earned Tenure

- Dr. Erich Baker - Bioinformatics
- Dr. Brian Garner - Mechanical
- Dr. Ian Gravagne - Electrical/Computer
Baylor’s had its share…

Of Controversy, Bad Press, Disagreements…

- Basketball scandal
- Alumni Association fray
- 2012 Baylor Vision
- Polanyi Center
- Raising tuition
- Adding research
Tenure Denials

Now for the bad news

- All surprises
- All unanimously supported by department, department chair, dean and BU Tenure Committee
- Dr. Randall Jean
- Dr. Carolyn Skurla
- Dr. Russ Duren
- 40% BU overall
They Said, He Said

At BU State of the University program

“What I mean by that is, if the faculty take a very, very disciplined approach to this process, there will be no need for Randall and me ever to disagree with the departments,”
gasp from the audience

‘Some deans and some departments have not shown themselves to be credible decision-makers and will not be given deference.’
The Outcome

- The faculty (& staff & students) are united
- Two ECS spouses also denied
- All 3 ECS faculty applied for reconsideration
- Potential large negative affect on ECS
- Disallowed/suspended ECS Tenure Policy
- What was done was wrong- We will prevail!