Chico State College of Engineering, Computer Science & Construction Management

From the Dean

Ricardo Jacquez attended the following meetings:
- October 19, the annual Fall meeting of the Concrete Industry Management (CIM) Patrons held on Chico State campus, to provide a welcome to the attendees and their guests and brief them on the state of the College. This was CIM’s 24th meeting on campus as a group of Patrons.
- October 23, toured the Engineering facilities at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (SLO). The Dean met with faculty and Chairs and toured facilities in Civil Engineering, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.
- October 25, attended the California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA) Conference in Sacramento with Ding Cheng to meet Senator Jim Beall, sponsor of SB1, “Transportation Funding.” We requested his support for the California Pavement Preservation Center (CP2C) to play a significant role in the $2 million set aside for the CSU’s to conduct transportation research in support of the bill.

From the Associate Dean

The College has awarded 5 Junior Faculty-Student Scholarship Seed Grants of $5000 each based on proposals submitted recently. The awards go to:
- Dr. Zahrasadat Alavi, EECE, for research on Image Processing
- Dr. David Alexander, MMEM, for research in Effective Technology Transfer for Innovations
- Dr. Kevin Buffardi, CSCI, for research on using Emergent Technology to stimulate innovative Software Engineering projects
- Dr. Dennis O’Conner, MMEM, for research on the Effects of Mechanical Vibration on Seed Germination
- Dr. Zhaohong Wang, EECE, for research on Information Security for a Smart Grid

Also, a reminder that Student Learning fee proposals are due Wednesday, December 6 at 5 pm via the online application site.
DEVELOPMENT
Chico State Giving Day is November 28 and the College of ECC has a goal to raise $10,000 to support the Engineering Student Success Center during the 24-hour fundraising drive. Read more about the Giving Day campaign here.

The CIM National Steering Committee hosted their fall meeting at Texas State Marcos. Leadership from the 4 major schools came together to discuss recruitment and growth strategies and get updates from program directors. The Chico State CIM program is doing very well and has been the model to improve their recruitment and patron group initiatives.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS
This summer, a call came from the Chancellor's Office for a student who exemplifies the transformational power of the CSU. Clarke Steinbeck in CAGD answered the request with a compelling nomination for Desiree Makowski, a senior in the program. After several weeks of collaboration with the CSU team, a story and video have been published. You can check it out here.

STEM Connections Engineering MESA/MEP
During Chico Preview Day weekend, we hosted more than a dozen students from partner high schools, Preuss (UCSD) High, Calexico High, and Southwest High. During their visit they stayed with current MEP students. They attended an undergraduate research panel with students who did research last summer. They also got a glimpse of Chico life with lunch at The Bear and a visit to the Country Pumpkin Corn Maze.

Department Feature: Civil Engineering
Last week, Curt Haselton, a faculty member in Civil Engineering, was honored at a reception recognizing his appointment as the newest John F. O’Connell Endowed Faculty Chair. He was joined by his family, as well as College of ECC faculty and staff as the Dean outlined his achievements and planned research in the area seismic design and risk assessment. Congratulations, Curt!

You can learn more about Curt's work at the next ECC Research Seminar on Nov. 8. Check the calendar below for more info.

Does your department have news to share?
Let us know! Send your updates to Rachel Simmons, rcsimmons@csuchico.edu

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
- Nov. 8, 3:30 - 5 pm - Research Seminar Presentation - Curt Haselton
- Nov. 28 - Chico State Giving Day
- Dec. 5 - College of ECC Holiday Party
- Dec. 8 - Design Expo

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