Staff Town Hall – Fall 2022
Dean’s Update
Department Chairs

Fadi Fathallah
Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Steve George
Biomedical Engineering

Tonya Kuhl
Chemical Engineering

Chris Cappa
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Dipak Ghosal
Computer Science

André Knoesen
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Yayoi Takamura
Materials Science and Engineering

Ben Shaw
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Strategic Research Vision Launched

Faculty Searches
• 2 broad searches in energy/climate areas
• 3 specific searches in health area

Support for Federally-Funded Center Proposals
• ERC (energy/climate x 2), STC (health), STC (mobility)

Next Level Seed Funding - BOLD ideas that have:
• Clear/actionable visions with long, medium- and near-term goals
• Multidisciplinary/collaborative
• Potential for national leadership
• Potential for extramural funding
• Address critical issues, “grand challenges”
• Align with our strategic research areas and crosscuts
• 10 funded across 7 departments
Strategic Education Vision

Inspired

Our students are inspired from day one to create impactful engineering solutions for the greater good.

Great minds don’t think alike. They think together. Our students are an inclusive collaborative community, bringing diverse perspectives to engineer a better world.

Inclusive

Inform

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Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Our students are prepared to be innovative and agile leaders who create solutions to the world's grand challenges.

Impactful
Undergraduate Rankings

- **Computer Science**: top 5% among public institutions
- **Environmental Engineering**: ranked #8 among public institutions
- **Civil Engineering**: top 10% among public and private institutions
- **Chemical Engineering**: ranked #16 among public institutions

*U.S. News and World Report, 2023*
Strategic Community Vision

• Focused on college employees (faculty and staff)

• Will define “community” and identify strategies to build a college identity

• Aims to improve work/life balance by promoting relationships that identify efficiencies and reduce workload and burnout

• Recognition, professional development and fun!

• Thanks to all who completed the survey!

The college’s faculty/staff DEI Committee won UC Davis’ inaugural faculty/staff collaboration award.
Comet Commendations

• Revamped recognition program for college employees
• Submit via online form by the last Thursday of each month.
• Immediate alerts to recipient, recipient’s supervisor
• Each month, three recipients and one submitter will be randomly selected to receive a $25 gift card and highlighted E-Weekly.
Staff Committee Recognition

- Staff Advisory Committee
- Staff Networking Group Chairs
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
Staff Advisory Committee

- Biological and Agricultural Engineering: Victor Duraj
- Biomedical Engineering: Charles M. Smith
- Civil and Environmental Engineering: Rachel LeBrett
- Computer Science: Meshell Louderman
- Dean’s Office: Dawn McGee
- Electrical and Computer Engineering: Marji LeGrand
- Materials Science and Engineering & Chemical Engineering: Ryan Gorsiski
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering: Jessica Rodriguez
Staff Networking Group Chairs

- Advising: **Ryan Gorsiski** (CHE/MSE) and **Jason Sison** (CS)

- Account Managers, Financial Analysts, Contracts and Grants: **Stephanie Farver** (CEE) and **Jessica Rodriguez** (MAE)

- Academic Personnel, Visa Coordinators, Payroll and HR: **Sabrina Oliver** (Dean’s Office)

- IT: **Ruben Arevalo** (BME)

- Research Engineers, Shop Managers, Lab Managers and Safety Coordinators: **Steven Dilbert** (Dean’s Office)
The college’s **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**, led by co-chairs Sabrina Oliver (Dean’s Office) and Colleen Bronner (CEE), launched its second year this fall.

Staff representatives include:

- **Alin Wakefield** (Dean’s Office)
- **Camille Fink** (CEE – UC Pavement Research Center)
- **Jessica Rodriguez** (MAE)
- **Lauren Worrell** (CEE)
- **Molly Bechtel** (Dean’s Office)
- **Yesenia Cervantes-Tucker** (Dean’s Office)
Gratitude, Hope and Focus on the Future
Kemper Courtyard Repairs
Proposed Schedule & Anticipated Impacts in 2023

**Phase 1**
January-March

- Eastern/Southern building perimeter
  - Closure of 1002, 1003, 1007; noise/vibrations along the Eastern/Southern envelope; access from East obstructed

**Phase 2**
February-May

- Eastern courtyard
  - Closure of 1002; noise/vibrations along Western envelope of East wing; access from courtyard to lobby obstructed; classes move from 1065 to ESDC

**Phase 3**
June-August

- Western courtyard
  - Closure of 1127/1131; noise/vibrations along South Central building envelope (deans’ suite) and West Wing (CNM2); access from courtyard to hallway at 1127 obstructed

- Noise/vibrations along Northern building envelope; access from North obstructed

**Phase 4**
July-September

- Northern building perimeter

**June:** Transformer base replacement on Eastern perimeter; power shutdowns