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From: Banken, Mary Jo (News Bureau)
Sent: Saturday, May 19, 2012 7:38 AM
To: Justice, George
Cc: Foster, Brian L. (Provost); Dean, Kenneth D.
Subject: Re: On the defensive...

The story was good, I thought.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 19, 2012, at 5:18 AM, "Justice, George" <justiceg@missouri.edu> wrote:

Sudarshan's comments on today's "olive branch" story. He is very self-contradictory (from comments on stories two weeks ago), to say the least.



realtiger (anonymous) says...

ryanmeyer is on spot. It is a poison pill, not an olive branch.

The university should be jealously protecting independence of its academic programs and curricula from corporate interference, rather than becoming complicit in a plan to just obtain federal dollars through the Ameren/Westinghouse proposal. There will be no commitment to build anything as hundreds of millions of federal dollars flow to the winners, and you can see why everyone wants a piece of these. Many years ago Westinghouse had broken its contracts with nuclear power utilities on nuclear fuel supplies causing much consternation, and there is no guarantee where will it all lead to. Does the university realize that the eventual prize (how much is coming the university's way?) may be is not even worth the cost, and that character really matters?

The dean of engineering can make all these proposals, but one has to look at the accomplishments of graduate programs in that college. Two of its degree programs were just this last year on the CBHE's elimination list for low degree productivity in their MS or PhDs. The extramural funding levels of three of its departments (including the two above) are at 400K, 500K, and 700K per year level with a combined total of about 35 faculty (NSEI has funding of 2.4 million dollars per year with 4 faculty or so). The dean receives millions in discretionary funds from the university that no other dean receives, then why are these departments in this shape? Is there any credibility to his ability to build a program that would be stronger than NSEI, or even meaningful? Why has he not taken some care of what he already has? And if has tried, than why he has not been successful?

Prof. Edelstein, the president of the MU Chapter of AAUP has written to the UM Board of curators regarding the need for the University to follow its own rules regarding NSEI. The Board should pay heed to it, and not let these shenanigans continue any further.

May 19, 2012 at 5 a.m. ([permalink](#) | [suggest removal](#))

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Sent: Saturday, May 19, 2012 9:59 AM
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Cc: Thompson, James E.; Tzou, Robert D.
Subject: FW: Distribution of Nuclear Science and Engineering Current Status Document
Attachments: Nuclear Science and Engineering Current Status and Communication

Dear ECE Faculty, Staff, and IAB Members:

I am forwarding these communications to you, at the request of Dean Thompson in the College of Engineering.

For the past several years our Nuclear Engineering department (and degrees) have resided >outside< of the College of Engineering for a number of reason; most of which have had to do with personnel matters. This situation is now changing, and the Nuclear Engineering program is returning to the college with plans that are in accordance with the attached documentation.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely, Noah Manring

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From: Weston, Katherine Amanda **On Behalf Of** Thompson, James E.
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 4:36 PM
To: Deng, Baolin; Manring, Noah D.; Tan, Jinglu; Tzou, Robert D.; Virkler, Mark R.; Xu, Dong (UMC)
Cc: Thompson, James E.; Wampler, Susan
Subject: Distribution of Nuclear Science and Engineering Current Status Document

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 18, 2012

TO: CoE Department Chairs

FROM: James E. Thompson, Dean College of Engineering

RE: Distribution of Nuclear Science and Engineering Current Status Document

Attached is a communication that I have sent to the Colleges' DEAC, PPAC, and officers of the MUEAO, informing them of the actions and plans associated with NSEI and the College of Engineering Nuclear Engineering Program.

Please distribute my cover memorandum and the current status document to your entire IAC/IAB membership as soon as possible. The purpose is to keep them informed of the NSEI situation and our plans for the Nuclear Engineering degree.

Thanks,
Jim

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Subject: Nuclear Science and Engineering Current Status and Communication
Attachments: Attachment 1-Current Status Nuclear Science Engineering 5.18.12.pdf

Memorandum

Date: May 18, 2012

From: Jim Thompson, Dean College of Engineering

To: Ron Wood, Chairman of Deans Engineering Advisory Council and DEAC members
Don Flora, Chairman of Public Policy Advisory Council and PPAC members
John Conway, President of MU Engineering Alumni Organization and MUEAO officers
CoE Departmental Industrial Advisory Group membership via Department Chairs

Cc: Brady Deaton, Chancellor
Brian Foster, Provost
George Justice, Dean of the MU Graduate School
Mary Jo Banken, Director of MU News Services
CoE Department Chairs

Subject: Nuclear Science and Engineering Current Status and Communication

Discussions have been on-going to enable Nuclear Engineering Degrees within the College of Engineering. In this regard I have attached the current status document which is now being distributed to MU's constituents. These have been approved by the Chancellor, Provost, Dean of the Graduate School, and me. These summarize the situation and decisions which have been made regarding the Nuclear Science and Engineering Institute (NSEI) and the planning and intentions of the College of Engineering for the Nuclear Engineering Degrees. Please note the commitment made to work with and involve the NSEI faculty in the transition process. The intention is to grow an array of options for students in Engineering for MS and PhD degrees supported by faculty across most departments in the College and the NSEI faculty. I will keep you informed as this process progresses.

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