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Dear Mines Community:

I have two announcements that are provided within this email.

As you are all aware, we announced the “green” college at the beginning of August, and then the “blue” college at the beginning of September. These two colleges, along with the College of Engineering and Computational Sciences, complete the academic re-organization that we embarked on sixteen months ago. What we have not done is name the two new colleges.

In order to name the colleges, I formally asked the Dean of each college to work with their department heads and faculty and bring forward a name. I also requested that the Faculty Senate suggest names. The Senate came forward with their suggested names, and I then passed their suggestions back to the Dean of each college for further consideration. The Deans then brought back to me their final recommendation. The discussion along the way was at times robust with many individuals expressing strong beliefs about what the name “must” include. What was commonly agreed upon was the necessity of having the word “engineering” in each of the college names. At this time I am formally accepting the final naming suggestions from each of the two Deans. These are:

The “Green” college (Chemistry and Geochemistry, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, and Physics) will be named:

**College of Applied Science and Engineering - CASE**

The “Blue” college (Economics and Business, Geology and Geological Engineering, Geophysics, Liberal Arts and International Studies, Mining Engineering, and Petroleum Engineering) will be named:

**College of Earth Resource Sciences and Engineering - CERSE**

Thanks to all for their participation and patience as we have named the colleges.

As a final note, many on the campus are well aware that our ABET visit is one short week away. While this accreditation exercise is not something that we relish, it is important for us to complete this successfully. Please make sure that you have discussed the ABET visit with your department head and, if you are a part of an ABET program, that you are familiar with your program objectives and outcomes.

As always, thanks to the faculty, students, and staff on the campus for all that you do for Mines.

All the Best!

Terry Parker
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