V - Overview of the College

The College of Engineering is a jointly operated college with Florida A&M University and Florida State University. The College operates from a complex of buildings near Innovation Park and Florida A&M University is responsible for the operating and maintenance budget of the facilities as well as the space inventory for the complex and the associated Challenger Learning Center which is located in downtown Tallahassee, Florida.

College Mission

The mission of the College of Engineering is to provide an innovative academic program of excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, judged by the highest standards in the field and recognized by national peers; to attract and graduate a greater number of minorities and women in professional engineering, engineering teaching and research; and to attain national and international recognition of the College through the educational and research achievements and the professional service of its faculty and students.

Florida A&M University

The mission of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), as an 1890 land-grant institution, is to provide an enlightened and enriched academic, intellectual, moral, cultural, ethical, technological and student-centered environment, conducive to the development of highly qualified individuals who are prepared and capable of serving as leaders and contributors in our ever-evolving society. The University seeks and supports a faculty and staff of distinction dedicated to providing outstanding academic preparation at the undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and professional school levels, with a particular emphasis on integrity and ethical conduct. FAMU is committed to inspirational teaching, exemplary research and meaningful public and community service through creative partnerships at the local, state, national and global levels. The University is also committed to the resolution of complex issues that will enhance humankind. While the University continues its historic mission of educating African Americans, persons of all races, ethnic origins and nationalities are welcomed and encouraged to remain life-long members of the university community. The University, through its diverse faculty and staff, provides a caring, nurturing, collegial and respectful environment.

Florida State University

The Florida State University is a comprehensive, graduate-research university with a liberal arts base. It offers undergraduate, graduate, advanced graduate and professional programs of study, conducts extensive research, and provides service to the public in accord with its statewide mission. The University's primary role is to serve as a center for advanced graduate and professional studies while emphasizing research and providing excellence in undergraduate programs.
Organization

The College of Engineering is governed by a Joint Management Council. The six-person council is made up of the president, provost, and vice president of finance from each university. The Council Chair alternates yearly between the university presidents. The Dean of the college reports directly to the Council. The College of Engineering has five departments.

Council Members
- James Ammons, President, FAMU
- T. K. Wetherell, President, FSU
- Cynthia Hughes Harris, Provost, FAMU
- Lawrence Abele, Provost, FSU
- Teresa Hardee, Vice President for Fiscal and Administrative Affairs, FAMU
- John Carnaghi, Vice President for Finance and Administration, FSU

Dean of College
- Ching-Jen Chen

Senior Staff
- Hsu-Pin (Ben) Wang, Assistant Vice President for Research
- Reginald Perry, Associate Dean for Student Affairs
- Norman Thagard, Associate Dean for College Relations
- Braketta Ritzenthaler, Assistant Dean, Industry and Research

Departments
- Chemical and Biomedical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

Site

The site of the College of Engineering is assigned to Florida State University while the buildings and all associated spaces is assigned to Florida A & M University. The FAMU/FSU College of Engineering is located on approximately 19 acres in the center of Florida State University's Southwest Campus. The site contains 2 buildings and 17 owned trailers and portables and 2 portables that are leased (non-owned).