Note from Department Chair:

March 23rd will be my 3 year anniversary as Chair for the Petroleum Engineering Department. I appreciate the significant support of my colleagues in the department, the College of Engineering & Mines, and most importantly the Industry Advisory Council (IAC) members who made it possible to achieve several goals which appeared to be impossible in such a short period of time. Some of the achievements include:

- Growth of the IAC to 23 companies in 2018
- Receiving the full accreditation of the undergraduate program (2016)
- Establishment of PhD, Master, and Certificate programs (2016)
- Moving into central advising model (CAM), thanks to Mrs. Bailey Bubach for her great effort to make this a success (2015)
- 2+2 (undergraduate) and 2+1 (master degree) joint teaching programs with some universities in China (2017)
- Successful shift into practical research activities and receiving over $2M of research income from several projects that the faculty applied for in 2017-2018

We are determined to continue this trend in the future and with all the supporters of the department raise the reputation of the department by doing high quality teaching and research, closer collaboration with the industry and more international collaborations.

Harold Hamm & North Dakota Petroleum Council visit

On January 26th we were honored to have both the North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC) and Harold Hamm, CEO of Continental Resources, visit the college. During their visit they were able to tour the Petroleum labs in the Collaborative Energy Complex. President Kennedy also hosted a Q&A session with Harold Hamm where students had the opportunity to ask questions.
Dean El-Rewini and Dr. McGimpsey visit department

On February 12th, Petroleum Engineering Graduate students and international visiting scholars were given the opportunity to visit with Vice President for Research, Dr. McGimpsey and the Dean of the College of Engineering and Mines, Dr. El-Rewini. This was a great opportunity for them to meet each other and get familiar with the college.

UND Drillbotics team advances to next round of competition

UND Drillbotics was among 9 international Universities (including 4 other Universities in the US) to advance to the next round of competition. Thank you to Statoil, Oasis Petroleum, Hess, and Zarvona Energy for supporting this years Drillbotics team. Their generous contributions have given the team the resources to make their vision into a reality.

Prof. Pavel Bedrikovetsky gives guest lecture

On February 2nd, Prof. Bedrikovetsky from the Australian School of Petroleum, The University of Adelaide, Australia presented a talk on Enhanced well fracturing in CBM by Graded Particle Injection. This was also an opportunity for Professor Pavel to see the updates we have done in the labs.

UND SPE Chapter hosts guest speakers

The UND SPE student chapter has been busy hosting some technical talks that have given the students a chance to network and learn about different topics.

William Ruhle from Halliburton was here on February 7th.

Jenna Norby and Andrew Soto from Oasis Petroleum held a lunch and learn on February 20th.

Mr. Lynn Helms, the director of the North Dakota, Department of Mineral resources, visited the department on March 7 and toured the labs. Mr. Helms also presented a talk to the students.

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