

Transportation Center



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New circumstances, leadership, opportunities

- Objective: Define a new future for TC
 - Accommodate, lead change
 - Position in McC focuses efforts, opens new gateways
 - Interdisciplinary tradition remains strong: McC connections
 - Joint appointments
 - MMM
 - Research centers



McCormick Centers

- · Advanced Cement-Based Materials
- Atomic and Nanoscale Characterization Experimental User Center
- Bioengineering Educational Technologies
- Biologically Inspired Materials
- · Center for Quantum Devices
- Communications Research
- Devlab
- Infrastructure Technology Institute
- Institute for Design Engineering and Applications
- Intelligent Processing of Composites
- · Nanofabrication & Molecular Self-Assembly
- · Optimization Technology
- Parallel & Distributed Computing
- Photonic Communications and Computing
- Quality Engineering & Failure Prevention
- Quantum Devices
- Steel research center
- Surface Engineering and Tribology
- Transportation Center



Objective: Renew transportation research

- Criteria
 - Excellence
 - Faculty engagement
 - Salience
 - Advance state of knowledge & practice
 - Educate tomorrow's scholars & professionals
- Faculty motivation: achievement, success
 - Real & interesting problems to be solved: research opportunities
 - Bridge to BAC, government...
 - Publications
 - Successful students
 - Learning & teaching opportunities
 - · For research and academia
 - For business and government



Renewing research (2)

- New directions
 - -McCormick connection
 - Materials
 - Energy
 - Design & manufacturing
 - Information technology
 - Center linkages
 - Institute for Design Engineering & Application: IDEA
 - Complexity NICO –networks, organizations
 - IPR transportation and social policy

Current Research Thrusts

- Infrastructure and Technology
- Logistics and Network Design, Operations and Reliability
- Mobility, Health, Environment and Sustainability
- Transportation Network Service Security and Safety
- Policy, Planning, and Project Implementation



Corporate Research Connections

- Programmatic multi-firm
- Partnerships
- Technical links to companies
- State of the practice workshops
 - What's new
 - what's needed
- Visits and exchanges



Objective: Maintain educational efforts

- Undergraduate students
 - T & L minor
 - Enrollments are growing
 - Commitment to continuing
 - Requires sustaining support
 - Departmental programs
 - IE/MS, CEE, Econ
 - Co-op & placement connections
 - Graduate programs MS & PhD
 - KSM, Econ, IE/MS, CEE
 - Professional MS: MPM, MMM, MEM
 - Linked with research for financial support



Objective: New organizational structure

- Julio Ottino, Dean
- Bob Gallamore, Director
- Faculty executive committee: from WCAS, KSM and McC;
- Staffing: driven by needs, limited by resources
- Patterson chair...

Objective: Ensure BAC connection

- Guidance understanding and advice
- · Forum for discussion, exploration, networking
- Access to ideas, problems, data
- McCormick Office of Industrial Relations
- Students
 - Motivation affecting next generation
 - Placement hiring next generation
 - Walter P. Murphy Cooperative Education Program
- Collaborative research
- Executive education
- Support of the TC enterprise
 - Academic
 - research



