MINUTES

November 21, 2006

The College Curriculum Committee met at 10:00 am in the Mechanical and Materials Engineering conference room. The Committee members who were present at the meeting (alphabetically):

Dr. Rebecca Anderson, Biomedical Engineering
Dr. Yiding Cao, Mechanical and Materials Engineering
Dr. Joe Chow, Industrial and Systems Engineering
Dr. Bill Kraynek, Computing and Information Sciences
Dr. Berrin Tansel, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Dr. Hao Zhu, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Prof. Jose Mitrani, Construction Management

General Announcements

1. All new course proposals must have a Faculty Contact Signature and a Chairperson signature in order to be reviewed by the committee.

2. Dr. Jay Navlakha requested for a college-wide/university-wide policy to change the allowable credit transfers for students who have taken credits while pursuing a Graduate Certificate. This change will allow the student to transfer "all credits" towards their master's degree program once they are accepted to the master's program. Currently, only 12 credits can be transferred. This will be followed up with the Graduate Council and Dean of Graduate School.
New Business

[1.0] New Course Proposals Tabled:

[1.1] CEE XXX, Analytical Methods in Civil and Environmental Engineering, Fernando Miralles. (returned to department due to lack of signature).

[1.2] EML 1XXX, Introduction to Solar Energy Utilization, MME, Yong Tao.

[1.3] BME 5XXX, Biosensors and Nanobioelectronics, BME, Chenzhong Li.


[1.6] EEL 4XXX, Introduction to Hardware Description Languages (HDL), ECE, Subbarao Wunnava.


[1.8] CGS 1XXX, Introduction to Computing, CIS, Nagarajan Prabakar.

Old Business

[2.0] New Course Proposals Approved Subject to Modification:


[3.0] New Course Proposals Remain Tabled:


[3.2] CCE 4XXX, Heavy Concreting, CEE, Caesar Abi.

With respect to items [3.1] and [3.2], Construction Management, officially, has standing objections of the approval of these two courses. A memo was distributed to the CCC regarding this issue. Please see the attached document from Jose Mitrani regarding this issue.


[4.0] New Program Requests Remain Tabled:
Proposal for a new graduate degree program (M.S.) for the School of Computing and Information Sciences, CIS, Masoud Milani. This item will remain tabled until all the issues are resolved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm. The next committee meeting time will be December 4, 2006 at 9:00am.

Dr. Rebecca Anderson, Secretary
Dr. Berrin Tansel, Chair
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Berin Tused, Chairperson,
Curriculum Committee
College of Engineering and Computing

FROM: Prof. José D. Mitra, P.E., Vice-Chairperson
Curriculum Committee
College of Engineering and Computing

DATE: November 20, 2006

SUBJECT: Standing Objection to Tabled Courses Proposed by Cesar Abi of the Department of Civil Engineering

As you know, at the September 28, 2006 meeting of the College Curriculum Committee (CCC) the CCC considered two new course proposals submitted by Cesar Abi of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The courses, CCE 4XXX, Heavy Concreting and CCE 4XXX, Design of Temporary Structures, were tabled by the CCC because 1) the Department of Construction Management (CM) raised serious concerns and objections to the courses, 2) CM, contrary to the representations made on the new course forms, was not consulted prior to the courses being submitted and its concerns and objections were not addressed, 3) CM’s concerns and objections are longstanding, since these courses were originally proposed by CEE during the previous academic year and objections and concerns were raised by CM at that time.

To date, no attempt at resolution of CM’s concerns and objections have been made by CEE. Since it has been explained to me that tabled courses may be brought up for reconsideration and voting by the committee at any time and without prior notice, and since scheduling conflicts may result in my absence from some CCC meetings in the future, I would like to inform you and the rest of my colleagues who are members of the CCC that I wish to record, officially, CM’s standing objection to the approval of these courses until all concerns and objections of the CM department are addressed. Furthermore, please be advised that, until further written notice from me, CM’s objection and my vote to deny CCC approval to these two new courses shall remain in effect until such time as I issue a written memo to you and to the CCC rescinding CM’s objection and my vote to deny approval.

I request that CM’s standing objection to the approval of these two courses, and this memo, be officially entered into the record of the CCC deliberations and that both my standing objection and this memo form a part of the minutes of the meeting held November 21, 2006.

Thank you.

cc: Members of the College Curriculum Committee
    Dr. Irshad U. Ahmad, CM Chairperson
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