

Fenn College Graduate Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

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Present: Hanz Richter (ME), Daniel Simon (ECE), Joanne Belovich (CHE), Ken Keys (IME), Mark Tumeo (CVE), Orhan Talu (non-voting, DRE)

1 DRE Assessment Review

Dr. Tumeo indicated that he will bring a draft report to the next GAC meeting.

2 New Courses

The GAC approved the following courses:

1. ESC601: Graduate Seminar
2. IME693: Selected Topics in Industrial Engineering

3 PhD in Engineering Program

The GAC initiated discussions on the creation of a PhD program in engineering. A draft program development plan written by Dr. Simon was used as the basis for discussion. The GAC reached consensus in that the PhD program should replace, and not co-exist with the current DRE program. Another aspect that was settled was that a “BS-to-PhD” option shall exist, whereby students with a bachelor’s degree are admitted to the PhD program without the need for a Master’s degree. It was agreed that the GAC meet as frequently as once a week to delineate the program and find consensus in crucial aspects like:

- The existence of a set of core course requirements, in particular a mathematics course.
- The existence of department-dependent core courses.
- The need for non-engineering course requirements in the areas of ethics and global business
- The need for a technical writing course requirement.