

Fenn College Graduate Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

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ME Conference Room

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

1 Cross-listed course: MCE530/430: Applied Fluid Mechanics

Dr. Richter clarified that MCE430 exists and is being taught in Spring 2010. Therefore MCE530 is not subjected to the rule that new graduate courses must be offered as a special topic prior to becoming a permanent listing. The GAC approved the cross-listing with the provision that the syllabus be modified for compliance with Graduate College guidelines.

2 Changes to 4+1 rules: credit banking and residency requirement

Dr. Tumeo informed the GAC about the existence of two Graduate College provisions which seem to work against the interests of 4+1 students. Namely, the residency requirement currently requires that the student complete at least 16 credit hours while enrolled at the Graduate College. The current credit banking rules prevent a 4+1 student to apply more than 12 hours toward graduate credit, of which up to 9 can double-count for the BSc and MS degrees. When the student double-counts the maximum 9 hours, the current policy prevents him from advancing more than 3 graduate hours while an undergraduate. Dr. Tumeo proposed the following changes to the current policies, which he has elaborated in a separate document.

- The residency requirement is satisfied by earning grades of B or better in at least 16 graduate hours which begin to accrue when the student is admitted into the 4+1 program (as opposed to the requirement of being enrolled in the Graduate College).
- Students who are accepted for an accelerated 4+1 program may take and transfer up to a maximum of nine graduate credit hours in addition to the double counted hours as long as they meet the other provisions of the existing policy, and those hours so transferred were not used to satisfy baccalaureate degree requirements.

3 PhD in Engineering Program

Discussions are in progress, aimed at a draft program development plan to be presented to the college faculty. The document maintained by Dr. Simon (PhD PDP) contains all details.