

# Fenn College Graduate Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

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12:00 M  
ME Conference Room

Present: Hanz Richter (ME), Daniel Simon (ECE), George Chatzimavroudis (CHE)  
Absent: Ken Keys (IME), Lutful Khan (CVE), Orhan Talu (non-voting, DRE), Jorge Gatica (CHE, on sabbatical).

## 1 Petitions

1. Ediuska Lauren (DRE, ABE/CHE): Petitioned that a 1 cr.hr. CHE course be counted as non-engineering requisite. GAC decided to wait for input from instructor (Brian Davis, CCF) certifying that content was indeed non-engineering.
2. Ediuska Lauren also petitioned for the conversion of CHE895 to CHE899. Approved by majority vote.

## 2 Master in Biomedical Engineering Proposal

Dr. Joanne Belovich submitted this proposal to the GAC via email on Tuesday, Oct. 21. The three members who were present approved the contents and structure. The GAC is awaiting opinions and approvals from the remaining members, who have been consulted by email.

## 3 New Business: Changing “DRE” to ”PhD”

Dr. Simon proposed that the Doctor of Engineering degree (DRE) be re-named to the more common Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). The rationale is that the PhD degree has a more attractive image than the DRE among prospective students. Dr. Simon explained the origins of the DRE name and pointed out that it may not reflect the focus of our program any more. Specifically, DRE carries a more practical connotation than PhD. The other two members present fully agreed with Dr. Simon. The topic will be discussed at the next GAC meeting.