

Fenn College Graduate Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

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ME Conference Room

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

1 Petitions

1. The particulars of student petitions are omitted from these minutes to protect the students' private information.

2 New Courses

- EEC442/542: The Art and Science of Feedback Control. This course, which was offered previously as a graduate special topic, was proposed as a permanent entry by Dr. Gao. The GAC unanimously approved creation of the course.
- EEC503: Writing in Electrical and Computer Engineering. This course was proposed by Dr. Simon, who justified the need for a graduate-level writing course. The GAC approved creation of the course.

3 BME/CHE Cross-listing for new MS BME Program

Dr. Chatzimavroudis requested that existing courses in Chemical Engineering -which are to become part of the new Master's in Biomedical Engineering program- be listed with the code "BME" in addition to "CHE". The rationale is to improve the publicity of the new program among prospective students who browse the on-line catalog. The GAC approved the request.

4 DRE vs. PhD

The observation made by Dr. Simon that the name PhD may be more appropriate than DRE was supported by some members of the GAC, including the two graduate students. Some members indicated that the process of changing the name would be a difficult and long one, requiring review and approval by the Ohio Board of Regents. It was agreed that individual members seek input from their departments.

5 Dropping ESC702/704/706/794 requirement for EEC students

Dr. Simon questioned the requirement that doctoral students from EEC take a number of credit hours from these courses. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.