

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Bourns College of Engineering
April 9, 2008, 12:30 P.M.
A171 Bourns Hall

Attending: Frank Vahid, Chair
Bahman Anvari
David Cocker
Yingbo Hua
Stefano Lonardi
Tom Stahovich
Deep Shah
Ertem Tuncel
Charles Wyman

Dean Reza Abbaschian, *ex officio*
Associate Dean Mark Matsumoto, *ex officio*
Associate Dean China Ravishankar, *ex officio*

Rod Smith

Guests: Suzanne McCusker, Student Affairs
Thomas Cogswell, Academic Senate Chair

Absent: Charles Wyman

D. General Education Reform

-The ad hoc committee that was put together to tackle the issue of general education reform has dissolved. Unenthusiastic responses were received from the report that was presented by the ad hoc committee. Currently, the general education will stay as it is. There is also the possibility of piloting different concentrations as an alternative to the current general education that would include approximately 150 incoming students. This pilot of concentrations will not displace the present general education requirements. The colleges have an opportunity to submit suggested concentrations to the Gen Ed Advisory Committee for consideration to be included in the pilot. It is important for the colleges to keep in mind that if they choose to submit concentration(s) for consideration, the concentrations should be able to benefit all colleges, as the concentrations will not be college specific. Tom Cogswell mentioned that if BCOE is interested in submitting concentrations for consideration to be included in the pilot program, a response should be received within the next 3 to 4 weeks. Ravi will head up a task force to work on this.

E. BIEN Major Change

-When the Bioengineering program was created, many courses were used from other departments. Since then, the Bioengineering department has created numerous course of their own and would like to include some of those courses as requirements to the Bioengineering curriculum requirements. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the change. The proposed changes will be forwarded to the Committee on Educational Policy for review.

F. CSE Major Change, CSE Minor Change, CEN Major Change, and EE Major Change

-The changes to these majors and minor include the possibility of taking CS013 or CS 012. CS 013 is a course- equivalent to CS012 in the sense that it teaches the same programming skills and concepts, just with different examples. It is anticipated that the examples and projects in CS 013 will be chosen to fit all Engineering majors, who choose to take it instead of CS012. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the proposed changes to the CSE major, the CEN major, the EE major, and the CSE minor. The proposed changes will be forwarded to the Committee on Educational policy for review.

G. IS Major Change

-The IS major change proposal also includes the inclusion of CS 013 in its curriculum. It also includes the request to change to name of the program from "Information Systems" to "Business Informatics." The reason for the name change is because the program is unable to attract a good number of students. The current name is not informative and misleading regarding the content of the program. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the proposed changes to the IS major contingent upon a change to the cover letter to include that the change was agreed upon by the IS committee, which includes the deans from AGSM and BCOE, as well as faculty from both colleges. Once the changes have been made to the letter, the proposed change will be forwarded to the Committee on Educational Policy for review.