Engineering College Advisory Council
Michigan State University
Minutes, October 29, 2010

FINAL

1. Present
Esfahanian (for Cheng), Frid, Hashsham, Mukherjee, Mukkamala, Reinhold, Udpa, Worden

2. Secretary
Mukkamala agrees to be secretary for the academic year.

3. Minutes
The draft minutes from the October 1, 2010 meeting were approved subject to minor revisions.

4. Department Bylaws
Cheng and Mukkamala will review the CEE department bylaws, while Hashsham and Worden will review the ME department bylaws. The purpose of this review is to ensure that these bylaws conform to the College bylaws. The reviews will be presented and discussed at the November 12, 2010 meeting.

5. Promotion and Tenure Form D
Associate Dean Koochesfahani asked this committee for their opinion on whether the number of active grants should be listed along with the number of grants in the reporting period and career in the promotion and tenure form D. The consensus was that the added information would not be very helpful. The committee accordingly agreed (by a vote) to suggest not to list the number of active grants on the form. However, a few committee members did feel that listing grant dollars instead of grant numbers would be more meaningful.

6. Dean’s Comments
- Research dollars and proposals have increased in the College for the fourth consecutive year, and these increases correlate with the number of publications.
- The Cornerstone program has gained sponsorship from a second company, the experiments in EGR 100 have been significantly improved, and an increasing number of students prefer to live in Wilson Hall.
- There is some concern about future budget cuts from the State, but the University is generally supportive of the College.
- Nominations by the faculty for a candidate for the Director of the forthcoming Institute of Health and Engineering are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramakrishna Mukkamala