Minutes of the Engineering Undergraduate Studies Committee (EUSC)
December 3, 2013

Present, EUSC: Rothwell (ECE), Lyles (CEE), Sticklen (AES), Brereton (ME), Lee (CHE), Liao (BAE), Wolff (DE), Lapaix (Student), Al Dhaneem (Student)

Absent, EUSC: Mahapatra (ECE, UCC) Owen (CSE), Masten (ENE),

Also present: Idema (DE), Pease (DE)

1. Agenda: Approved

2. Minutes of November 19, 2013 were approved as written.

3. Teaching Effectiveness Task Force Discussion continued with thoughts of how the SIRS (Student Instructional Rating System) forms could be improved by creating and testing two new forms. One would be for 100 level courses and one for upper level courses.

4. Selection of Engineering Commencement Speaker – Wolff proposed a change in selection of the undergraduate student commencement speaker. Presently, this is solely based on auditions before the Student Engineering Council (SEC). To better include student achievement as a factor, Wolff proposed including elements of a system used by other MSU colleges. Student applications would include the academic record, a statement of achievements, an essay and a resume. These would be reviewed by a subcommittee of the EUSC (faculty and students) who would choose a short list of finalists. Those would then audition before the SEC. The process was approved in principal by the EUSC, with details to be written up by Wolff in January.

5. AES Program Change - PASSED with minor edits. The Program Change reflects new course numbers in the Packaging Concentration.

6. MSE Program Change, Course Changes- MSE 331 & MSE 381 – PASSED. The Program Change reflects ME 222 at 3 credits and the renumbering of MSE 454 to MSE 474 and MSE 451 to MSE 481. Course objectives were updated in MSE 331 and MSE 381.

7. CHE Program Change, Course Changes- CHE 301, CHE 311, CHE 312, CHE 316, CHE 431, CHE 432, CHE 433, CHE 490, CHE 491 – PASSED. The Program Change removes the tech elective requirement from students who are pursuing a concentration. Course changes included updates to prerequisites and restrictions.

8. ME Course Changes- ME 410, ME 465, ME 475, ME 477, ME 478 – PASSED. Changes reflect updates to course objectives, prerequisites and restrictions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Wolff