Minutes of the Engineering Undergraduate Studies Committee (EUSC)

September 16, 2015

Present, EUSC: Masten (ENE), Buch (DE), Genik (AES), Lee (CHEMS), Liao (BAE), Owen (CSE), Rothwell (ECE), Frahm (Student)

Absent, EUSC: Brereton (ME), Mahapatra (ECE, UCC)

Also present: Idema (DE), Walton (DE), Pease (DE), Neil Kane (Director of Entrepreneurship)

1. Agenda: APPROVED

2. New members Lance Frahm and Neeraj Buch were introduced.

3. Election of chairperson: Susan Masten was elected to chair the committee for the 2015-16 academic year.

4. Minutes of April 30, 2015 were APPROVED

5. Neil Kane, Director of Undergraduate Entrepreneurship was present to provide information about the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Minor that will become effective SS16. The minor is open to any student in any college and consists of 15 credits with BUS190 and CAS/CAL 114 being core courses. The provost expects MSU to create a culture of entrepreneurship and has set a goal that MSU would distinguish itself by engaging 2000 undergraduate students a year in entrepreneurship and innovation experiences.

6. The ENE 483 Course Change was APPROVED. The change restricts the course to juniors or seniors or graduate students admitted to the College of Engineering.

7. Enhancing Academic Success Early (EASE)- As part of the university’s student success initiative, the Freshmen Early Warning System (FEWS) and Academic Progress Reports (APR) have been replaced by a dynamic system created by the RO - Enhancing Academic Success Early (EASE). Each semester, correspondence will go to all instructors approximately one week into classes to remind them of the importance of collaborating with support units to enhance student academic success. The EASE System has been designed to facilitate real time reporting of indicators known to be related to student academic success. The indicators include current Grade, Attendance, and course Engagement. The earlier an indicator of academic challenge is identified the more likely an intervention can facilitate success. Instructors may complete an EASE report on any or all students enrolled in their course(s) at any time during the semester and as many times as they deem appropriate. An early problem with the system is that too many people are receiving notification when a report has been filed. Dr. Idema is working with the Registrar’s Office to resolve this issue.

8. A Quantitative Literacy task force has been set up to modify the general math requirement. Mark Voit, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Natural Science would like to share information at a future EUSC meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Neeraj Buch
Secretary