During the calendar year of 2015-2016, the members of the Engineering Graduate Studies Committee (EGSC) were

BAE: Yan Liu
CEE: Mahmoodul Haq
CHEMS: Andre Lee
CSE: Li Xiao
ECE: Nihar Mahapatra (committee vice chair)
ME: Brian Feeny (committee chair)
Students: Josh Drost (ME) and Blair Singleton (ECE)
Ex-officio: Katy Colbry
Ex-officio: Manoochehr Koochesfahani (Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Faculty Improvement)

The university liaison was Tim Gates (CEE). During the first semester, Carl Boehlert served in place of A. Lee, who was on leave, and Tom Voice served for M. Koochesfahani while he served as ME interim department chair. Although CMSE did not yet have a member, Brian O’Shea represented CMSE while CMSE business was conducted.

Major action items included approval for the establishment of the MS, PhD, and certificate programs for CMSE, as well as the approval of a series of proposed courses. Another major action item was the discussion, fine tuning, and approval of the CEE Graduate Certificate Program on Water and Global Commerce: Engineering Sustainable Solutions.

Each year the EGSC administers the selection of the Fitch Beach Awards for outstanding graduate research. After some discussion, the award process was kept the same as in previous years. The committee members scored the nomination forms and the presentations of nominees excluding those in the committee members’ home departments, and the winners were selected.

The committee also approved a variety of isolated new courses and course changes for programs in or relevant to the College of Engineering. New courses included IBIO 867, ITM 444, MSE 801, BE 849, BE/CHE 869, CE 844 (reestablished), MSE 880, CSE 801, and CSE 843.

The EGSC approved a minor amendment to College of Engineering Graduate Program Plan.