Minutes of the Engineering Undergraduate Studies Committee (EUSC)

March 28, 2019

Present, EUSC: Enbody (CSE), Idema (DE), Lee (CHE), Gates (CEE), Genik (AES), Roccabianca (ME), Aviyente (ECE), Kirk (BAE), Hirn (CMSE), Toback (Student), Macpherson (Student)

Absent, EUSC: Chahal (ECE, UCC)

Also present: Pease (DE), Briedis (CHE)

1. Agenda: APPROVED

2. Minutes of November 29, 2018 were APPROVED.

3. Discussion on moving non-admitted engineering majors into a “pre-X Engineering” major. Helps with parents/students understanding that there’s a secondary admissions process, helps with confusion in departments and advising on which students are admitted. Suggestion that different language should be used, like “preferred” or “preference” or “exploratory” rather than “pre.” Will be revisited in future meeting.

4. Briedis, as the college-level approver of Honors-Options has noticed some faculty using extra homework sets as an Honors Option. Due to availability of homework solutions online and the spirit of Honors Options (different/challenging work to enhance rigor, not just more work), she proposed banning use of such as an Honors Option. Suggestions of changing Honors College website language and Engineering syllabus suggested language to reflect this.

5. Discussion on the concept of Peace Engineering and how to better integrate across entire curriculum. Potential to link EGR 100 projects with humanities courses and capstone options, with a global component.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Idema
Secretary