

ECE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

TO: Tanguel Basar, Jennifer Bernhard, Dick Blahut, Steve Boppart, Donna Brown, Seth Hutchinson, Wen-Mei Hwu, Doug Jones, Steve Levinson, Daniel Liberzon, Tom Overbye, Mary Parsons, Sanjay Patel, Narayana Rao, Dilip Sarwate, Naresh Shanbhag, Greg Timp, Bruce Wheeler

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SUBJECT: Curriculum committee meeting minutes

DATE: October 16, 2003

Minutes of the Curriculum Committee October 30, 2003

- 1) Members present: Tanguel Basar, Donna Brown, Wen-Mei Hwu, Daniel Liberzon, Sanjay Patel, Dilip Sarwate
- 2) The minutes of October 16, 2003 meeting were approved.
- 3) Debate following the failed e-mail vote of last Thursday took place. The vote was about including the CompE program in the new advanced math rules approved for the undergraduate EE program (see last week's minutes).

The debate meandered away from the subject matter of the failed vote and mainly focused on how the revisions approved last week can be amended to include a clause covering the case of students coming in with the equivalent of Math 242 (or possibly Math 285) credits. This was partly due to the concerns of those who voted against the e-mail motion that dropping Math 315 from CompE curriculum may be a "step backwards" --- the importance of encouraging our students to take advanced math courses such as Math 280 and Math 315 was stressed. The suggested amendment concerning students coming in with AP credit in Math 242/Math 285 was to require/encourage(?) "X hours of advanced math courses including Math 280 and Math 315 to be taken prior to" junior year level ECE courses(?) or specific courses such as ECE 229(?). The "question marks" in the preceding sentence, as well as the unknown X, highlight the state of the debate when it was interrupted at the end of the meeting --- to be continued in the next meeting.

The meeting was carried out with less than 50% of the committee members in attendance. Therefore the debate and suggestions described above may not have a lasting impact unless the suggestions are crystallized by their proponents to into specific motions to be voted next week. Some members of the committee felt that discussions stalled on minor details, preventing, at the end, reaching a broader conclusion concerning the inclusion of the CompE element in the revisions under debate.
- 4) The next meeting is planned for 3 pm Thursday, November 6, 2003 in 312 EH.