

## **ECE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

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SUBJECT: Curriculum committee meeting minutes

DATE: Feb 3, 2004

### **Minutes of the Curriculum Committee February 3, 2004**

- 1) Members present: Tangu Basar, Donna Brown, Seth Hutchinson, Wen-Mei Hwu, Steve Levinson, Daniel Liberzon, Tom Overbye, Dilip Sarwate, Greg Timp
- 2) The minutes of December 11, 2003 meeting were approved.
- 3) The committee examined the ECE 404 proposal --- "Speech Synthesis" by Prof. Richard Sproat --- for Fall 2004. The same course was recommended by the Graduate Committee to be offered as an ECE 371 (498 under new numbering) earlier last week. However, the Curriculum Committee found the pre-requisites of the course to be far too advanced for ECE undergraduates. For instance, the course lists ECE 437 as a required course but ECE 437 is taken exclusively by graduate students. The committee recommends that this course be offered as a 497 (598 (?) under new numbering) after Graduate Committee approval.
- 4) A revised and abridged version of the proposal for CompE Curriculum revisions was distributed by Seth Hutchinson. The document will be forwarded to Area Committee Chairs to seek a Department wide feedback about the proposal.
- 5) The committee recommends that an electronic web based procedure be developed for submitting new course proposals. Laurie Shelton and Josh Potts will be contacted about this matter.
- 6) A discussion of EE technical elective rules took place and the following questions came up:
  - a) Is there a campus wide or externally imposed (e.g., by ABET) requirement concerning the "basic science elective"?
  - b) What is the overall ECE-faculty opinion about the "engineering science elective"? Is there some support for dropping this "sub-requirement"? What happens to the current list in view of changes within the college?There seemed to be a general consensus about dropping the technical elective restrictions regarding Engineering and non-ECE hours. Further discussions will determine whether the engineering science elective can be dropped as well.
- 7) Next meeting is planned for 10:30 am, Tuesday, February 17, 2004 in 312 EH.