

ECE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

TO: Tangu Basar, Dick Blahut, Steve Boppart, Donna Brown, Minh Do, Seth Hutchinson, Wen-Mei Hwu, Doug Jones, Farzad Kamalabadi, Steve Levinson, Tom Overbye, Mary Parsons, Sanjay Patel, Narayana Rao, Dilip Sarwate, Pete Sauer, Naresh Shanbhag, Greg Timp, Pramod Viswanath, Bruce Wheeler

FROM: Erhan Kudeki

SUBJECT: Curriculum committee meeting minutes

DATE: November 6, 2002

Minutes of the Curriculum Committee Meeting of October 31, 2002

1. Members present: Tangu Basar, Steve Boppart, Donna Brown, Minh Do, Seth Hutchinson, Doug Jones, Farzad Kamalabadi, Steve Levinson, Dilip Sarwate, Pete Sauer, Naresh Shanbhag, Pramod Viswanath, Bruce Wheeler.
2. Pete Sauer distributed copies of the Fall 1998 ECE Undergrad Manual pages 14 and 18 plus the September 16, 1996 letter which transmitted the 1996 curriculum changes to the College of Engineering Publications office for the 1997-99 Programs of Study Catalog. Pete indicated that these documents could be interpreted to mean that of the 15 hours of Technical Electives, the remaining hours (after subtracting the Basic Science and Engineering Science courses) must satisfy the requirement for 6 hours of non-ECE and 6 hours of Engineering. Bruce Wheeler, Seth Hutchinson, and Doug Jones indicated that this was not the intent of the 1996 curriculum change, and was an incorrect interpretation of the Technical Elective rules proposed in that change. The current Departmental interpretation of those rules is to allow students to take more than 15 hours of Technical Electives in order to satisfy the 6 hours of non-ECE and 6 hours of Engineering requirement. The hours in excess of 15 would be counted as Free electives (if available) or not used (if Free electives are not available). The committee voted to continue the current Departmental interpretation of the rules. The next version of the curriculum summary and Undergraduate Manual should provide a clear description of the Technical Electives rule adopted by this decision. For instance, the Undergraduate Manual can be modified to include the following:

“D. Technical Electives

- 1) Basic Science Elective --- choose from list 1:
- 2) Engineering Science Elective --- choose from list 2:
- 3) Other Technical Electives --- choose from list 3 so that at least 6 non-ECE and 6 Engineering hours are earned and the total number of Technical Elective hours earned is at least 15 (extra hours will count as free electives and non-ECE Engineering courses will count in both categories):

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3. The committee started the discussion of the 3-out-of-5 rule in response to a request by N. Rao.
4. The next meeting will be at 3 pm Thursday, November 7, 2002 in 312 EH.