ECE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

TO: Tangul Basar, Pat Chapman, Brian Cunningham, Matthew Frank, Seth Hutchinson, Wen-Mei

Hwu, Jianming Jin, Doug Jones, Steve Levinson, Chang Liu, Sean Meyn, Narayana Rao, Naresh

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SUBJECT: Curriculum committee meeting minutes

DATE: Dec 6, 2005

Minutes of the Curriculum Committee Meeting Dec 6, 2005

- 1) Members present: Pat Chapman, Matthew Frank, Seth Hutchinson, Steve Levinson, Chang Liu, Sean Meyn, Naresh Shanbhag, Greg Timp, Bruce Wheeler
- ABET discussion: B. W. pointed out that there are essentially three tiers of schools for which ABET means three different things; ours is clearly a first tier school that easily meets the ABET criteria, has a long history of innovation in education, continually executes a strong, proactive review of its students' education, and has been highly responsive to the spirit of ABET. Prescriptions appropriate to third tier schools, where every course is potentially under challenge, are not necessary for first tier schools. The committee approved the stand regarding ABET evaluation outlined in the minutes of Nov 17 meeting and also reached a consensus agreement on to urge the ABET Evaluation Committee to compose its report to ABET using an approach based on alumni surveys and other assessment outcomes utilized to monitor our evolving curricula.
- 3) Grad teaching in undergraduate courses: A brief discussion took place. A new idea, graduate advising of undergraduates (on a voluntary basis) was brought up. Discussions will continue after getting feedback from Advisory Committee. A brief interim report will be submitted by E. K. to the Advisory Committee over the winter break.
- 4) The next meeting will take place at the beginning of Spring 06 semester.