

ECE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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FROM: Erhan Kudeki

SUBJECT: Curriculum committee meeting minutes

DATE: November 6, 2002

Minutes of the Curriculum Committee Meeting of November 6, 2002

1. Members present: Tangu Basar, Steve Boppart, Donna Brown, Minh Do, Wen-Mei Hwu, Doug Jones, Farzad Kamalabadi, Dilip Sarwate, Pete Sauer, Naresh Shanbhag, Pramod Viswanath.
2. ECE 371 proposal "Visualizing and Navigating Knowledge Networks" for Spring 2002 by Ahuja et al. Was discussed. The course will be approved after:
 - a. The topical outline is modified to clearly indicate which 15 credit hours (equivalent to 45 clock hours) constitute the lab component of the proposed course.
 - b. A parenthetical note is added in "Credit" section that the course cannot be used to earn lab credit.
 - c. A short description (or even a web link) is provided for the "Silicon Carbon Culture Initiative" referred to in the "Course Title" section.
3. COE proposal for renumbering the Individual Study and Special Topics courses was discussed. The committee recommends that:
 - a. ECE Department joins the rest of the college in adopting the new numbering plan.
 - b. Option 2 using X97 and X98 for Individual Study and Special Topics courses is preferable to Option 1 (X93 and X94, respectively); however, it is even more important that all the departments adopt a common option (either Option 1 or 2) if at all possible.
 - c. The plan also includes freshman and sophomore level Individual Study and Special Topics courses, e.g., 197 and 198, as well as, 297 and 298.
4. Discussion of the 3-out-of-5 rule and its possible alternatives continued. Opinions ranged from a strong support for the existing rule, to requiring all 5 courses which are currently in the list, to changing the rule with a 4-out-of-6 rule from a list that also includes ECE 340. It was also suggested that the Computer Engineering curriculum could consider replacing the requirement for ECE 340 with a 1-out-of-6 rule. No conclusion was reached and the debate will continue in the next meeting.
5. The next meeting will be at 3 pm Thursday, December 5, 2002 in 312 EH.