

ECE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: Curriculum committee meeting minutes

DATE: December 6, 2002

Minutes of the Curriculum Committee Meeting of December 5, 2002

1. Members present: Tangul Basar, Steve Boppart, Donna Brown, Seth Hutchinson, Tom Overbye, Greg Timp, Pramod Viswanath, Bruce Wheeler
2. Discussions on the 3-out-of-5 rule and its alternatives were continued. No action was taken.
3. The committee started discussing possible ways of including a professional ethics component in our undergraduate curriculum. The options include:
 - a. Requiring a 1 hour course, e.g., ECE 271 PE, which addresses the need directly.
 - b. Add 1 hour of additional material to ECE 312/345 on professionalism and ethics issues.
 - c. Include six seminars in ECE 200 on professionalism and ethics issues and make ECE 200 a requirement.
 - d. Introduce a new distribution requirement which consists of selecting a course from a list containing courses on the interaction of science and technology with culture and society (a list compiled by M. Loui). The requirement will count as a social science, humanities, or a free elective course depending on the department offering the course
4. The next meeting will take place next semester.