Master of Engineering Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 11, 1998

Present: Jim Bartsch, Mark Eisner, Al George, John Belina, Graeme Bailey, Richard Dick, Mike Hayes, Ferdinand Rodriguez, Emmanuel Giannelis, Larry Cathles Mike Hayes, Joe Shultz, Tracy Pond

Brought to order 8:08

Announcements and Reports

Jim discussed the meeting with Deans Hopcroft & Cohen. Both deans want this new program to work in the best interest of the students. They wish to leave the decisions in the hands of the MEC committee. The college Registrar will help manually enter the credits as graduate credits even if they are taken as an undergraduate. Students will remain undergraduate students and their undergraduate credits will be credited towards their M.Eng degree.

Mike and Deborah Cox are looking into the TA implications, as currently students cannot receive M.Eng monies if they are not “graduate” students.

The committee reviewed, and made changes to the chart which was created during the last meeting. This chart describes the affects of the change in the Early Admit Program (chart is attached).

Mark Eisner suggested we try to make the senior advisor to early admit students be the same as their M.Eng advisor as regular practice.

A question was brought up as to whether or not we need to change the M.Eng policy to allow undergraduate credits to be counted toward the Masters degree.

There was discussion regarding allocation within the individual fields. There will need to be a policy written in the near future

Petitions:

Tim Healey’s petition: “Henry Lee was an M.Eng. student in T&AM, working with Prof. Zehnder, in the ’94-’95 academic year. He completed his course requirements during that time, but was unable to complete his research and to write an M.Eng. report.
After he left Cornell he went to work for HP in Andover, MA and continued to work on his project. He has at last completed it and has sent me his final report, titled “A simple method for the demonstration of increasing fracture toughness in brittle-matrix composites”. He did a very nice job both with the research and the written report.

He had a period of three years after he left Cornell to complete his work. Unfortunately this time period has expired.

The TAM Dept. has unanimously voted that Henry now be allowed to graduate.”

Petition approved.

Meeting adjourned 9:57 am