Master of Engineering Committee
Minutes of Meeting
October 21, 1998

Present: Jim Bartsch, Ferdinand Rodriguez, Richard Dick, John Belina, Tim Healey, Al George,
Mark Eisner, Michael Hayes, Joe Shultz, Graeme Bailey,

Meeting called to order at 8:05 AM.

1. Announcements and Reports

This was a special meeting of the MEC called to discuss the changes in the early admit process. MEC members were concerned that changes in early admit procedures could create problems for students already accepted.

Two major concerns were expressed:

It is essential to attract Cornell’s best students into our M.Eng Program. The early admit program is an advantage to those students. If we discontinue the program, we lose key students to other institutions.

If students are in their last semester of undergrad, and they need less than eight credit hours to graduate, they will take the courses that they need to graduate on extramural status. This is actually pro-rated tuition. They pay extramural tuition charge plus full fees. We lose them in the UG and MEng counts.

Motion Made (by Al George, approved by committee):

“It is vital to keep dual undergraduate and graduate status of early admitted master of engineering students making only those changes necessary to solve financial issues.” “Financial arrangements should be made as revenue neutral as possible.”

This motion was to be communicated directly by Bartsch and Hayes to Deans Cohen and Hopcroft at their meeting of October 27, 1998.

A table was created to clarify the logistics before and after the program changes. (See Excel Attachment)

At this point, no further action will take place until Dean Hopcroft addresses the committee with his final decision.