MEC Minutes
November 9, 2011

Attendees: Bruce van Dover (MSE), Jim Bartsch (BEE), Manfred Lindau (AEP), Ken Birman (CS), Larry Cathles (EAS), Kathryn Caggiano (ORIE), David Putnam (BME), Cliff Pollock (ECE), David Schneider (Systems)

Guests: Graeme Bailey (CS), Cathy Dove (CoE), Yoanna Ferrara (RGS)

1. Approval of minutes from the October MEC meeting—approved.

2. M.Eng. GPA will be placed on official transcripts starting Fall 2011—confirmed by the engineering registrar

3. M.Eng. Learning Assessment – final reports are due by November 9. Graeme Bailey is available to help fields who are still working on their plans (MAE, BME, AEP and ECE)

4. Company sponsored M.Eng. projects – establishing partnerships with companies based on common faculty and company interests. There is a general agreement among the MEC members that increasing partnerships with companies will be helpful for the program. Kathryn Caggiano will follow up with CEAA.

5. Graduate School review of dual degree programs: The Grad School is doing a review of the Cornell degrees which could potentially be defined as dual degrees. One of the criteria for which degrees to review is whether they involve time shortening, therefore the Early Admit was brought up. One of the questions discussed was how do we (the engineering fields) ensure in practice that courses taken during the joint semester are not double counted towards UG and M.Eng.