Agenda, February 2, 2001
CCGB Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes of 1/26/01 Meeting
2. Undergraduate Announcements
3. Engineering 150 Discussion

CCGB Minutes
January 26, 2001

Members: J. Bartsch, R. Cleary, M. Duncan, F. Gouldin, R. Kay, L. Lion, C. Van Loan, F. Wise

Absent: T. Healey, J. Herrera, J. Hopcroft, S. Wicker

Ex-Officio: K. Athreya, D. Cox, B. East, B. Grant, D. Maloney Hahn, T. Thompson, D. Worley, S. Youra

Other: J. Belina, C. Pakkala

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 1st were approved as written.

Undergraduate Announcements: R. Cleary (Assoc. Dean) mentioned that two Engineering College committees (Academic Integrity Hearing Board and Engineering Policy Committee) need new student members. A notice has been posted in the Sundial in an effort to seek student applications.

R. Cleary also stated that he met with representatives of the Math Department and that they discussed the math placement exam. In an effort to alleviate a great deal of administrative work, students will be placed in courses deemed appropriate for them. If the students feel they are misplaced, they will take the placement exam and be moved into a suitable course. J. Belina (ECE) stated that he feels that requiring Math 192 prior to taking Math 293 is good because many problems arose when students placed into higher math classes without taking a lower level class.

R. Cleary announced that there is a Robinson-Appel Humanitarian Award which students are eligible for if they complete a community service project. Faculty should have already received notification of this award. He also mentioned that he has received next year’s prelim schedule and that other departments should have also received the schedule.

D. Cox (Assist. Dean) stated that Mike Hammer has been hired as a Consultant/Advisor in Engineering Student Services and will be working on developing numerous data systems after evaluating the needs of the Engineering departments. Mike will begin working in Engineering on 2/8/01.

B. East (Admissions) was pleased to announce that the number of applications for admission to the College of Engineering is up 14% this year and that the applicant pool is excellent.

CEE Proposal to Add CEE 598 (Introduction to Decision Analysis): L. Lion (CEE) mentioned that the CEE faculty would like to add CEE 598 to the courses listed as satisfying the requirements for the minor in engineering management. C. Van Loan (CS) stated that if requirements for a minor change, the students in that minor are obliged to closely monitor the requirements to check for additions. D. Cox (Assist. Dean) responded that the requirements a student has when he/she enrolls in the minor are the
Discussion of Computer Science Curriculum: C. Van Loan (CS) stated that his department would like to renumber CS 222 (EngrD 222) as 322 to make it count in the ugrad bio-sci arena. D. Maloney Hahn (Advising) responded that because EngrD 222 has Math 294 as a pre-requisite, renumbering 222 and making it a junior-level distribution course is not appropriate. L. Lion (CEE) agreed that 222 should remain at the sophomore level because it is a distribution course. C. Van Loan stated that CS 211 is used as an Engineering distribution for most students and that ½ of the students can take 222 (the proposed 322) in their 4th semester. D. Maloney Hahn stated that most students wrap up their distributions in the sophomore year. C. Van Loan responded that the junior-level course would be available for a few students. F. Gouldin (M&AE) added that advanced placement ensures flexibility when placing students into higher level courses. C. Van Loan agreed that course flexibility is important and emphasized that the rigidity of their levels is unimportant. J. Belina (ECE) stated that many sophomores are looking for 300 level courses that are appropriate for them, so this course might be suitable. Motion: Renumber CS 222 (EngrD 222) to 322. Approved with 6 in favor and 2 opposed.

C. Van Loan stated that CS wants to require a 1-credit Java project course for all CS majors that would normally be taken with CS 211. The course could conceivably be taken as a stand-alone course after students took 211. The new course would be an affiliation requirement. C. Van Loan agreed to bring a detailed description of the new course to the CCGB for their information and vote.

C. Van Loan discussed the possibility of abolishing CS 99. The CS department feels that with the CS 100 AEWs and the creation of 100 M, the students don’t need CS 99 and that it is a waste of time and resources to offer it. D. Cox (Assist. Dean) responded that the AEW money is rapidly being used up, with no source of replenishment in sight. The CS 99 course is important for many women and minors who may have come from technologically deficient schools, and a mechanism needs to be in place to satisfy their needs. L. Lion (CEE) added that close to 10% of the students take CS 99, which is a fairly large number of the student population. D. Maloney Hahn (Advising) suggested that perhaps the Learning Strategy Center could assist with CS 99.

Electronic Course Evaluations: Updates and Choices: R. Cleary (Assoc. Dean) spoke about the electronic course evaluations that A. Ruina (T&AM) helped to design. C. Hecht (CIT) did an experiment in Human Ecology with the electronic course evaluations and it went very well. They are willing to do a demonstration in Engineering of the evaluations. R. Cleary envisions the electronic course evaluations as being good for ABET and a way of making life simpler. D. Cox (Assist. Dean) added that M. Hammer, the new Consultant/Advisor, could help with this project. F. Gouldin (M&AE) emphasized that the CONTENT of the evaluations is important and should be focused on more than the electronic submission process. R. Cleary encouraged the CCGB members to let him know their thoughts on this subject.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.