Agenda for 5/11/01 CCGB Meeting

1. Approval of minutes from 4/27/01
2. Undergraduate Announcements
3. Communications Program Update (S. Youra)
4. Summary of Business to Carry Over to 2001-2002 School Year (R. Cleary)

CCGB Minutes
April 27, 2001

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

Absent:  K. Athreya, D. Cox, B. East, E. Giannelis, T. Healey, J. Hopcroft, T. Thompson, S. Wicker

Ex-Officio:  T. Bennington, B. Grant, D. Maloney Hahn, D. Worley, S. Youra

Other:  C. Pakkala

Approval of Minutes:  The minutes of April 6th were approved as written.

Undergraduate Announcements:  D. Maloney Hahn (Advising) announced that the Advising Office has sent out information regarding the Student Response Protocol. This information details what to do regarding students in crisis and lists points of contact, etc. He asked that faculty review the information and let him know of any changes.

B. Grant (Advising) mentioned that she has been working on external transfer applications and transfer credits. She asked that faculty send transfer information to her as soon as it arrives in their offices.

Discussion of COM S 172 as ENGRI 172 (handout):  C. Van Loan (CS) stated that CS has had a problem attracting women to its major, due to the perception that a great deal of prior programming experience is required for those entering the major and the stereotype of CS majors as anti-social hackers. The proposed solution is a COM S 172 course that will be a freshman-level, non-programming introduction to computer science that will contain aspects of artificial intelligence. The Provost has set aside funds for courses that promote women in science, and this course does precisely that. The course would be open in fall 2001 to those freshmen not taking COM S 100. The ideal class size would be 50 students, although the enrollment won’t be capped. R. Cleary (Assoc. Dean) asked if this course would be available to students in other colleges. C. Van Loan responded that it would be in the future, but not in fall 2001 due to a lack of advertising. F. Gouldin (M&AE) asked how to respond to students with programming experience who ask about taking this course. C. Van Loan replied that advisors should discourage those with programming experience from taking this course by telling them that they would likely be bored with it. R. Cleary praised the course description, stating that he envisions a diverse pool of attendees.

Motion:  To approve COM S 172 as ENGRI 172. The motion unanimously approved by the CCGB members.

Whitaker Proposal/Biology (handout):  R. Cleary (Assoc. Dean) discussed the proposal to the Whitaker Foundation which requests monetary support for developing and sustaining undergraduate and
graduate programs in Biomedical Engineering. He sees the BME courses as fitting as field-approved electives in ORIE, although the sequence of fall and spring courses is unclear. C. Van Loan (CS) spoke with M. Schuler (ChemE) about the BME courses, and agreed that the courses would be taken in sequence. They also envision that a biochemical or organic chemistry course will likely be required. R. Kay (EAS) asked if students could take BioG 110 without BioG 109. R. Cleary responded that the Biology Department has been working on the content of BioG 110 and that it has changed substantially, making it more of a stand-alone course. J. Bartsch (ABEN) stated that the Biomedical Engineering Minor should NOT replace the Biomedical Minor. D. Maloney Hahn (Advising) questioned the ownership of the minor, as well as whether the minor would be open to the entire university rather than just the College of Engineering. R. Cleary replied that the logistics of the minor are still being discussed and that any further questions that faculty have should be brought to his attention. D. Maloney Hahn will discover in June how many Engineering students did minors. L. Lion (CEE) asked what Engineering is doing with the proposal. R. Cleary responded that the College of Engineering needs to take advantage of its resources and grants to raise the profile of bioengineering at Cornell. The College should do everything it can to make this minor work. D. Maloney Hahn recommended that Mark Saltzman (ChemE) come to the next CCGB meeting to address questions and concerns regarding the proposed minor.

Role of Associate Dean: R. Cleary (Assoc. Dean) spoke about the difficulties associated with being Associate Dean (requesting favors w/o rewards, etc.) and asked how the CCGB members view the responsibilities of someone in that position. F. Gouldin (M&AE) responded that since the Dean of the Engineering College has the primary responsibility for undergraduate education, the Associate Dean would work closely with the Dean to improve undergraduate instruction. The Associate Dean would also represent the Dean at functions where the Dean could not be present. J. Bartsch (ABEN) sees the Assoc. Dean as someone who could minimize bureaucracy for the students and “take the heat off” the students when necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.