Agenda, September 28, 2001
CCGB Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes of 9/14/01 Meeting
2. Undergraduate Announcements
3. Biomedical Engineering Presentation (M. Saltzman)

CCGB Minutes
September 21, 2001


Other:  C. Pakkala

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of September 14, 2001 were approved with a slight modification.

Undergraduate Announcements: D. Maloney Hahn (Advising) mentioned that Allen Lai (an Engineering Sophomore) had died during the weekend of 9/15-9/16 and that a memorial service had been held for him. B. East (Admissions) stated that her office is having a Hosting Day for Women on 10/27/01 and hosting on 11/8/01 – 11/10/01 for underrepresented minority students. The Admissions Office will be asking for participation from the faculty during both events.

Introduction to the “Biological Alternatives”: T. Jordan (Assoc. Dean) stated that M. Saltzman (ChemE) has agreed to come to the CCGB Meeting on 9/28/01 and present a proposal for a revised Minor in Biomedical Engineering and to answer questions about the Biomedical Engineering Program. She then referenced the biological matrix and used overhead transparencies to illustrate what type of biology-related offerings exist and what effect the creation and implementation of the Biomedical Engineering Program will have on the CCGB issues this year. T. Healey (T&AM), B. East (Admissions) and C. Van Loan (CS) agreed that the various options and minors which include biology are confusing and difficult to explain to students. M. Duncan (ChemE) explained that students taking an option work with their advisor(s) to develop their curriculum while those taking minors just take the required courses to complete their minor. T. Jordan stated that there are some procedural questions relevant to potential actions regarding the biological alternatives: Should minors be offered by entities other than departments? Should engineering-related minors be offered to students in other colleges? F. Gouldin (M&AE) mentioned his concern about non-engineering students taking an engineering minor and then representing themselves as “engineers.” Both T. Healey and C. Van Loan stated that, due to the rigorous prerequisites involved, it would be unlikely that non-engineers would complete an engineering-related minor. L. Lion (CEE) asked if the proposal was a “done deal” even though the CCGB was not approached with it. T. Jordan replied that the creation of the program is currently at the Provost’s Office and thus close to being a “done deal,” although adjustments to it will likely be made after faculty members have had a chance to review it. The nature of the Minor requires the CCGB members to act on it as usual. She requested that faculty members list discussion topics related to the proposal so that she and M. Saltzman could address them. F. Gouldin requested that a copy of the
proposal be circulated to the CCGB members. D. Maloney Hahn (Advising) said that the issue of how
biology should fit into the common curriculum needs to be addressed. M. Duncan stated that beginning
with the class of 2006, ChemE students would be required to take a modern bio course, which will use
up the second approved elective. This course will be taken after the freshman year and build upon the
students’ strengths in math, chemistry and physics. T. Jordan said that, although the Biomedical
Engineering Program will not be limited to the College of Engineering, there will be 6 or 7 faculty
involved with its administration. The remaining faculty members will be from the Arts College, the Vet
College and Cornell’s Medical School.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.