Agenda, October 5, 2001
CCGB Meeting

1. Introduction of New CCGB Chair
2. Approval of Minutes of 9/28/01 Meeting
3. Undergraduate Announcements
4. Minors Not Sponsored by Departments (General Policies)
5. Biomedical Minor Discussion (Sponsoring Entity and Multiple Tracks)

CCGB Minutes
September 28, 2001


Ex-Officio: K. Athreya, S. Campbell (on behalf of B. East), D. Cox, D. Maloney-Hahn, J. Saylor, K. Smith, T. Thompson, D. Worley

Other: C. Pakkala, M. Saltzman, M. Walter

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of September 21, 2001 were approved as written.

Undergraduate Announcements: T. Jordan (Assoc. Dean) stated that an Eng. 150 Advisor reported that there was a possible problem with Chem 211, expressed as an exam that was outdated and inconsistent with the materials covered in the class.

Biomedical Engineering Presentation (overhead copies distributed): M. Saltzman (ChemE) stated that the Biomedical Engineering curriculum was originally started in 1998. The proposed Minor in Biomedical Engineering would offer a revised, 4-credit Biology 110 in the spring, which would be a required course for those not having bio AP credit or who have not completed BioG 101-104. Students wanting to take the minor should also have completed at least 1 semester of math and basic science courses (bio, chem, physics). C. Van Loan (CS) said that since the math and computer requirements in engineering are different than those in biology, this will restrict some students. M. Saltzman replied that he envisions that about 20 students per year will complete the minor and that perhaps another course could be offered to allow students outside the college to get into the minor. D. Maloney Hahn (Advising) mentioned that offering another distribution course for engineers wouldn’t be suitable since most fields already have their distribution courses lined up. C. Van Loan stated that he is in favor of the minor, but stressed that staffing needs must be met. He wondered when undergraduates and prospective students could be told that the minor is definite. M. Saltzman responded that the ChemE staff will help with teaching the courses and new searches are underway to hire new faculty who will also help teach them. D. Cox (Assist. Dean) said that if the minor is offered, the full course sequence should be advertised so the students can plan their courses in advance. T. Healey (T&AM) asked if there are enough talented people currently on the faculty to teach the minor. M. Saltzman replied that there are already faculty members teaching this subject matter to graduate students. J. Bartsch (BEE) expressed his concern about the linear fashion of the Integrated BME minor, given the scheduling problems co-op students and others might have which would result in missed blocks. M. Saltzman responded that the linear arrangement shouldn’t be a problem as long as Biology 110 is taken no later than the 4th semester.
Some of the other prerequisites could be taken simultaneously. F. Gouldin (M&AE) asked if this minor would replace the current minor. D. Cox replied that the existing minor has to remain in effect at least through the current class that entered in fall 2001. M. Saltzman mentioned that he sees this program as a great way for departments to share resources and work together in interdisciplinary areas of interest. The Provost has promised 3 faculty lines for this and support has also been received from Intel. F. Gouldin recommended that voting on the minor be postponed until all the facts are known, including the sponsoring entity (field). D. Maloney Hahn suggested that the current minor and this one be conducted in a parallel fashion and perhaps be combined in some fashion later.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.