

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

January 25, 2001

Members Present: DeWeerth (ECE/BME), Hertel (ME), Jagoda (AE), Kahn, (CEE), Klein (PUBP), McDowell (ME), McIver (REG), Parsons (MGT), Peters (Student Government), Peterson (ECE), Venkateswaran (COC), Will (CEE),

Visitors: Benkeser (BME), Bennett (DCOM), Contant (ARCH), Crouse (IPST), Debo (ARCH), Kilroy (Grad Studies), Lohman (COE), McDow (PSP), Wepfer (ME), Crouse (IPST)

1. The **Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering** requested the approval for the implementation of the five-year BS-MS Program. Bill Wepfer led the discussion of the program. Randy McDow, President's Scholar Program and Deborah Smith, Director of Admissions commented on the positive impact that this program would have on recruiting students. A motion was made to approve the following changes to Institute policy. The motion was seconded and approved. Unanimous.

Georgia Tech undergraduate students may be offered admission into the graduate program upon completion of 30 semester credit hours at Georgia Tech and a GPA of 3.5 (ME) or 3.2 (MSE), although they will not matriculate as graduate students until they have completed all degree requirements for the Bachelors Degree. The applicant must submit an application, an essay, and one letter of recommendation from a Georgia Tech faculty member. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to continue in the program.

Students who participate in the five-year BS-MS Program and maintain eligibility in this program (maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher average) automatically qualify for the 6 semester-hour "Graduate Course" option.

2. The **Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering** requested the following changes to the Master of Science in Health Physics. A motion was made to approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved. Unanimous.

Reduce the number of required courses from 21 semester-credit hours (18 in HP and 3 in Biology) to 12 semester credit hours. BIOL 4430 is being dropped as a required course. The revised program will require a core of four courses (12 semester credit hours) in Health Physics and will require 3 hours (thesis option) or 9 hours (non-thesis options) of HP elective courses. No more than 6 semester hours at the 4000 level can be counted towards the degree.

Replace the current HP 6404 Radiological Health II with HP 6405 Radiological Health II.

3. The **Institute of Paper Science and Technology** requested that IPST students be eligible to receive a graduate certificate from Georgia Tech upon completion of all course work and receiving a Masters degree from IPST. Barry Crouse from IPST was present to answer questions concerning the request. A motion was made to approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved. Unanimous.
4. The **College of Architecture** requested that the Master of City Planning be changed to Master of City and Regional Planning. Cheryl Contant discussed the reasoning behind the change. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved. Unanimous.
5. The **Dupree College of Management** requested that the Master of Science in Management degree be

changed to a Master in Business Administration. Nate Bennett discussed the reasoning behind the change. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved. Unanimous

6. Paul Benkeser led a discussion of the creation of 5000-level courses. The committee felt that this should be studied further and Benkeser volunteered to initiate further discussions with the academic units and the undergraduate curriculum committee.
7. The **School of Biology** requested that BIOL 7020 be made inactive. A motion was made to approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved. Unanimous.
8. A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 7, 2001 and December 13 with minor editorial changes. The motion was seconded and approved. Unanimous.

Adjourned

M. Jo McIver

Registrar