

**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
**Graduate Curriculum Committee**  
Minutes  
**February 26, 2009**

**Present:** Parker (ISyE), Potts (GRAD STUDIES), Storici (BIOL), Peponis (COA), Rosen (ME), Mark (CoC), Ferri (ECE), Davis (PSYCH)

**Visitors:** Black (EAS), Di Lorenzo (EAS), Howson (REG), Banerjee (ChBE), Jones (REG), Llewellyn (CETL), Tyson (CHEM), Senft (REG)

**Note:** All action items in these minutes require approval by the Academic Senate. In some instances, items may require further approval by the Board of Regents or the University System of Georgia. If the Regents' approval is required, the change is not official until notification is received from the Board to that effect. Academic units should take no action on these items until USG and/or BOR approval is secured. In addition, units should take no action on any of the items below until these minutes have been approved by the Academic Senate or the Executive Board.

1. There were no minutes to approve. All previous minutes were approved via email.
2. A motion was made to approve the recommendations from the Petitions Subcommittee for petitions in the following areas. The motion was seconded and approved.

All petitions were recommended for approval:

- Register for three thesis hours (1)
- Change grade mode from letter grade to pass/fail (1)
- Substitute 9000 hours for 7000 hours to use toward Master's Degree Requirements (3)
- Graduate without two terms of full enrollment (1)
- Waive the two-year limit to the Graduate Course Option (1)

3. A motion was made to deny a petition to remove a W grade from the transcript. The motion was seconded and approved.
4. A motion was made to approve a petition to count 15 unused (12 are normally allowed) graduate hours from the BS degree toward the Master's degree. The motion was seconded and approved.

Note: There was quite a lot of discussion about this petition. The petition to the faculty actually requested permission to apply 21 hours of unused course work from the BS toward the MS. The committee reasoned that the student could have used 12 hours of thesis work instead of 6, in which case he would only need 15 hours of unused course work instead of 21. The confusion between and among what appeared on the degree petition and the petition to the faculty and what was actually needed as an exception resulted in a vote on use of 15 hours and a notation to be made on the degree petition that the student is cleared to graduate. Depending upon how the reasoning occurs on this question, the actual statement of what was needed changes. Therefore, the Committee made an interpretation and approved the petition accordingly with the proper notation on the degree petition.

5. A motion was made to approve a request from CETL for a new course. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **NEW COURSE**

CETL 8741 Academic Presentations 1-0-1

6. A motion was made to approve a request from the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences for a new course. The motion was seconded and approved.

**NEW COURSE**

EAS 6490 Advanced Environmental Data Analysis 3-0-3

Note: The level was changed from Level II to Level I. The Committee asked that information be added to the syllabus to as to how the students will be evaluated. Which assignments/exams /projects would be done and what percentage of the grade would be determined by each instructor needs to be clarified in the syllabus.

7. A motion was made to approve a request from the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering for a new course. The motion was seconded and approved.

**NEW COURSE**

ChBE 6232 Chemical Engineering Processes in Pulp & Paper Manufacturing 3-0-3

Note: The original NCP was change to reflect request for use of all grading bases. and the form was corrected to show 3-0-3 for the hours.

8. A motion was made to approve a request from the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering for a new course. The motion was seconded and approved.

**NEW COURSE**

ISyE 6832 Simulation Theory and Methods 3-0-3

Note: This course is equivalent to (the same as) ISyE 6831. This is actually a retitling of an existing course. The new number is necessary for recording keeping purposes.

9. A motion was made to acknowledge without concern a request from the College of Architecture for changes to pre-requisites. The motion was seconded and approved.

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>Pre-requisite Added</b>
BC 6400	BC 6025
BC 6550	BC 6025
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10. The Chair noted that there are some administrative items that will be added to the next agenda. There are some policies and procedures that need review or comment from the Committee.

Adjourned,

Reta Pikowsky