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**Subject:** Forwarding Informational Item: MGEL  
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Dear Katie,

Thank you for confirming that this can be presented as an info item. Please find attached a file from the College of Engineering to suspend admissions for the Master of Global Engineering Leadership program.

Best,  
Lisa



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## Memo

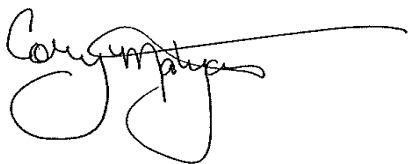
To: Randy Smith, Vice Provost for Academic Programs, Office of Academic Affairs  
From: Cory Matyas, Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Assessment  
Date: November 5, 2025  
Re: Suspension of Master of Global Engineering Leadership (MGEL) program

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The College of Engineering proposes to suspend the Master of Global Engineering Leadership (MGEL) program effective immediately, with plans to fully discontinue it after all current students graduate by Spring 2027.

This is due to low enrollment since the launch of the Master of Engineering Management program, declining faculty support, and reduced course offerings. Current students will finish using courses from the Engineering Management program. The program has already been removed from the application system and received no new applications for Summer 2025. Approval from the Dean has been secured.

The Engineering College Committee on Academic Affairs met on November 4, 2025 and reviewed this proposal. The request was unanimously approved and a College-level record of support for this proposal was created.



October 20, 2025

CAA Curriculum Committee:

The College of Engineering's Office of Professional and Distance Education Programs is proposing to suspend its Masters of Global Engineering Leadership graduate program effective immediately. Our intent is to discontinue this program once all students have completed their plans of study and graduated in SP27.

**Rationale:**

- Low enrollment since the Masters of Engineering Management degree was launched in 2020:
  - AU25 – 8 students
  - AU24 – 9 students
  - AU23 – 10 students
  - AU22 – 20 students
  - AU21 – 33 students
  - AU20 – 37 students
- Faculty support and advising for the program has declined
- Course offerings and tracks offerings have declined

**Additional Notes:**

- All students currently enrolled in the degree will be able to complete their program utilizing courses from the Masters of Engineering Management program and are on track to graduate by SP27
- This program has already been removed from the Graduate Schools application system, effective AU25.
- The program received no new student applications for consideration for SU25.
- This request is to suspend the program with the intent to deactivate once all students have graduated from the program
- Approved by Ayanna Howard, Dean of College of Engineering

**Action Requested:**

Approval to suspend the Masters of Global Engineering Leadership graduate program effective immediately.

Thank you for the review of this request and please let us know if you need additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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