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April 20, 2007

W. Randy Smith
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Dear Randy:

The Council on Research and Graduate Studies approved the following proposals during its meeting on April 19, 2007. Attached please find a copy of the proposals as well as my correspondence with the proposing programs that may assist the Council on Academic Affairs during its review.

- Proposal for a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Folklore
- Proposal for a Combined Program (BS/BA in MLHR)
- Proposal to rename graduate program in Computer and Information Science to Computer Science and Engineering
- Proposal to develop a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree

Please let me know if you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elliot E. Slotnick", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Elliot E. Slotnick
Associate Dean

Enclosures

c: Dena Meyers

Proposal for a

Proposal to rename the graduate program in Computer and Information
Science to Computer Science and Engineering

Submitted by

Professor Gagan Agrawal
Department of Computer and Information Science

Approved by the Council on Research and Graduate Studies
April 19, 2007

From: Elliot Slotnick
 Sent: Monday, February 12, 2007 3:15 PM
 To: gagan agrawal
 Cc: xiaodong zhang; Marty Marlatt; lee@ee.eng.ohio-state.edu; rojas@ee.eng.ohio-state.edu;
 Dena Myers
 Subject: RE: Graduate Program Name Change Request

Many thanks-- We will circulate this to our Curriculum Committee as soon as we hear from ECE.

Best,
 elliot

-----Original Message-----

From: gagan agrawal [mailto:agrawal@cse.ohio-state.edu]
 Sent: Monday, February 12, 2007 2:42 PM
 To: Elliot Slotnick
 Cc: xiaodong zhang; Marty Marlatt; lee@ee.eng.ohio-state.edu; rojas@ee.eng.ohio-state.edu
 Subject: RE: Graduate Program Name Change Request

Dear Dean Slotnick,

Thanks for your advise. I am attaching a .pdf file of the signed letter on the letterhead. I am also copying this to chair and GSC in ECE, who should be e-mailing you a concurrence note soon.

Please keep us posted on the developments on this proposal.

regards,
 -- gagan

On Fri, 9 Feb 2007, Elliot Slotnick wrote:

> Dear Gagan,
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 > Thanks for giving me a look at this. I think that it does the job quite
 > nicely and, with the letter of concurrence you reference from ECE, we
 > should accomplish this quite smoothly. Both your request and the
 > concurrence from ECE can be sent electronically, preferably on
 > letterhead (especially given the technical skills in your
 > programs!)--but "simple" e-mail would be fine as well.

> Best,
 > elliot

> -----Original Message-----

> From: gagan agrawal [mailto:agrawal@cse.ohio-state.edu]
 > Sent: Friday, February 09, 2007 3:48 PM
 > To: slotnick.1@osu.edu
 > Cc: xiaodong zhang; Marty Marlatt
 > Subject: Graduate Program Name Change Request

> Dear Dean Slotnick,

> Computer Science and Engineering department will like to initiate
 > a request to change the name of the graduate program, to align it
 > with the new department name that was approved about 2 years back.

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> In consultation with the department chair and associate chair,
> I have drafted a request letter, which I am attaching. I am also
> copying below an e-mail from Prof. Rob Lee, chair of ECE, about
> their willingness to provide concurrence. Please let us know
> if we should officially send a signed letter on the letterhead,
> or any other feedback you might have on the request. Please
> also let us know in what form should we get ECE's concurrence
> (e-mail to you, or an official letter we attach to our official
> request).

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> Thanks, we will appreciate your guidance on the process.

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> best regards,
> -- Gagan Agrawal, Grad Studies Chair, CIS program.

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> On Fri, 9 Feb 2007, Robert Lee wrote:

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> > Hi Gagan,
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> > Given the past agreements, I don't see any problems with providing the
> > concurrence. I am copying Roberto in case there are any issues related
> > to our graduate program. If he has no objections, he can e-mail Elliot
> > with our concurrence.

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> > Rob

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February 12, 2007

Elliot Slotnick
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Dear Dean Slotnick:

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering would like to rename the Graduate Program (leading to M.S. and Ph.D. degrees) in Computer and Information Science to Computer Science and Engineering. This request follows an earlier change in the name of the department from Computer and Information Science to Computer Science and Engineering (approved in Winter 2004).

In short, the reason for this request is simply to align the name of the graduate program with that of the department, as it had been in the past. Concurrent with the approval of a new name for our department from Computer and Information Science to Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) was the approval for changing the name of Electrical Engineering to Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE). Later in Fall 2004, ECE also initiated a request to change the name of its graduate program to be aligned with its new department name. Our department concurred with this request, through an e-mail I sent to you in November 2004.

By way of background, the rationale for the name change for our department was as follows. Since the Department of Computer and Information Science was established in 1968, the term "computer and information science" had accurately described the department's focus and mission even as the field of computing had changed over the years. However, by 2003, two factors had emerged that had made the department name we proposed simpler, clearer, and less confusing than the earlier one.

First, the media over time had coined the phrase "information technology" for the computing field as a whole. The term "information" no longer contributed significantly to the meaning of our department name in describing its focus and mission, so long as "computer" was also a part of the name. Most departments like ours at peer institutions by then had the name "computer science" or "computer science and engineering", without the word "information". Second, until 2003, CIS had been the only department at OSU whose name included the word "computer". The department is located in the College of Engineering. So, "computer engineering" had always been an implicit part of both our department's name and its mission. When the Department of Electrical Engineering asked to change its name to Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), the term "computer engineering" appeared explicitly in another department's name. Thus, it no longer was evident (merely from its presence in the College of Engineering) that our department's focus and mission included computer engineering. The proposed (and then approved) new department name more clearly reflected our department's focus and mission.

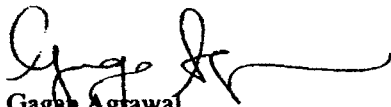
E. Slotnick
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The department has always offered one set of graduate degrees. The name of the graduate program and degrees were aligned with the department name before our department name change was approved. The reason was simple: the graduate program reflects the overall teaching and research mission of the department. All tenure-track faculty members in the department hold a level 'P' graduate faculty status in the program. Similarly, all level 'P' and 'M' graduate faculty in the program hold an appointment with the department. Moreover, both the reasons we listed above for the change in the department name apply to the name of the graduate degrees, i.e., redundancy of the word "information" and the need for making computer engineering explicit. Thus, we believe the new name of the graduate program will better serve the students, faculty, the College of Engineering, and The Ohio State University.

Please note that the faculty of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering has voted unanimously to make the above change in the name of the graduate program.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the next step(s) in this process.

Best regards,



Gagah Agrawal
Grad Studies Chair
CIS program.

cc: Rob Lee, Chair, ECE

From: Elliot Slotnick
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 1:29 PM
To: Dena Myers
Subject: For CC-- Goes w/ CIS Program name chnage...

-----Original Message-----

From: Roberto Rojas [mailto:rojas@ece.osu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 12:41 PM
To: Elliot Slotnick
Cc: Robert Lee; Fernando L. Teixeira; Eylem Ekici; Stephen Yurkovich; Patrick Roblin; Wu Lu; gagan agrawal; Chuck Klein
Subject: - no subject -

Dear Dean Slotnick,

As chair of Graduate Studies in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, I am sending this note to convey that the graduate faculty in our department concurs with the CSE department's proposal to change its graduate degree program name to match their department name.

If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Roberto G. Rojas
Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering The Ohio State University
<http://www.ece.osu.edu/~rojas/>