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Subject: Cross Listing Courses

It has come to our attention that OAA's policy is that cross listed courses must be cross listed between academic units, with the definition of academic units being departments. The College of Engineering believes that in the case of cross listed courses, academic units should be defined as course offering units, not departments, and requests that the wording in the policy be changed from "academic unit" to "course offering unit".

Unknown to us, units within the College of Engineering have been in violation of this rule for a number of years, as we have been under the impression that academic units meant course offering unit, not departments. Some examples of our course offering units that are in violation of the policy, as currently defined, are Welding Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. Previously, our Welding Engineering program, which is a course (and degree) offering unit, was in the same department as Industrial & Systems Engineering and had courses cross listed with Materials Science & Engineering. Welding Engineering has changed departments and is now in the same department as Materials Science & Engineering. Thus, while Welding could not have previously cross listed courses with Industrial & Systems Engineering, but could with Materials Science & Engineering, the reverse is now true. Another example is Aeronautical Engineering. Previously it was a department and had courses cross listed with Mechanical Engineering. Now, Aeronautical is in the same department as Mechanical, and, under the current definition, cannot cross list with Mechanical.

There are programmatic and college-level reasons for keeping these interdepartmental cross listings. Consequently, we would like to suggest that the wording of the cross listing policy be changed to reflect that courses can be cross listed between two course offering units.