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Subject: informational item from COE
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Dear Katie,

Please find attached an Informational Item from the College of Engineering. Please let me know if any questions or concerns arise.

Best,
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Memo

To: Dean Maria Miriti, Graduate School
From: Rosie Quinzon-Bonello, Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Assessment
Date: September 18, 2024
Re: Information Item – Program Changes to the Master’s Degree with Thesis

On September 11, 2024, the College of Engineering Committee for Academic Affairs (CCAA) recognized and supported, as an informational item, a proposal submitted by the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, to reduce the number of semesters to serve as a TA from two to one. This would apply to students enrolled in the Master’s Degree with Thesis program, with the reason being that they would be able to focus more on their thesis research.

The proposal is attached.

Yours sincerely,


Rosie Quinzon-Bonello



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August 23, 2024

To: College Council on Academic Affairs of the College of Engineering

CC: University Council on Academic Affairs

Subject: Materials Science and Engineering, Masters Degree with Thesis reduction of Instructional Assistant Requirement.

Dear Councilmembers,

The Materials Science and Engineering Department Masters Degree with Thesis currently requires students to serve two semesters as Instructional Assistants (IA). The Graduate Studies Committee and department faculty have discussed reducing or eliminating this requirement as it is overly burdensome to the MS/thesis students who do not have sufficient time for their Thesis research. We conducted an internal poll of the faculty, 70% preferred to reduce the IA requirement to 1 semester, and 30% who preferred to eliminate the requirement entirely. The GSC therefore proposes that the IA requirement be reduced to 1 semester, in line with the majority of the faculty. We request your approval for this minor revision to the MS/thesis degree program requirements in our department.

Sincerely,

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