

10 March 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, 13 April 1998 at 3:00 PM. Proposed changes to University Senate Rules, Section IV - 4.2.2.10 College of Engineering Admissions, specifically Civil Engineering

**Proposal:**

**4.2.2.10 College of Engineering:** {Delete bracketed sections; add bold, underlined sections}

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**Civil Engineering** – [Completion of] **Applicants must have completed** at least [50] **45** semester hours acceptable towards the degree [with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5]. [Completion of] **Furthermore, applicants must have completed** ENG 101 and ENG 102 or ENG 105 **or the Honors Program**; CHE 105, CHE 107, PHY 231, [PHY 232,] PHY 241, [PHY 242], MA 113, MA 114, MA 213, [and MA 214] **CE 106, CE 120 and CE 211 or equivalent** with a minimum cumulative grade-point-average (**GPA**) of [2.50] **2.75** in these courses. [A grade of C or better must also be earned in all civil engineering courses which have been attempted if these courses are to be credited towards meeting degree requirements.] University repeat options may be utilized [as appropriate] **by both on-campus and transfer students**. Students who do not meet **this** [these] GPA requirement[s] may request consideration based on a departmental review if [both of these] **this** GPA[‘s] is 2.25 or better. **A student may not apply for engineering standing more than twice.**

### **Rationale**

The current criteria used to evaluate admission into Engineering Standing are sometimes not met until the second semester of junior year. This can occur since engineering standing is only a prerequisite for the 400 and 500 level CE courses. This is very late for those students not accepted into the program. A fairness issue arises since most civil engineering junior year courses are not acceptable in any other degree program. Consequently, the civil engineering department has decided to hasten the decision process by including only the first three semesters of coursework. This should result in an earlier evaluation and response to potential civil engineering students. A student who is denied admission to Engineering Standing will have fewer excess courses from the perspective of other degree programs. If this proposal is approved, the civil engineering department will extend engineering standing prerequisite to several 300 level courses, which should enhance student learning in these classes.

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These changes have been approved by the Engineering Faculty, the Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee and the Senate Council and are forwarded to the Senate for final consideration.

**Implementation Date:** Fall, 1998

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