Minutes of the
Department of Materials Science and Engineering Faculty Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2014
IMS Room 147A

Attendance: Faculty: Mark Aindow, Pamir Alpay, Avinash Dongare, Puxian Gao, Rainer Hebert, Bryan Huey, Theo Kattamis, Seok-Woo Lee, Serge Nakhmanson, Rampi Ramprasad Staff: Cathy McCrackan, Lorri Lafontaine

I. Meeting called to order by Pamir Alpay at 11:00 a.m.

II. Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2014 were approved as written.

III. Department Updates: Pamir Alpay
A. Upcoming Lectures/Meetings: Pamir Alpay announced upcoming seminar guests, which include Dr. David Cann from Oregon State University on October 10 and Dr. Quanxi Jia from Sandia National Laboratories and the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science on October 17. He noted the Materials Science & Technology Annual Meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, on October 12-16, 2014.

IV. Faculty Textbooks: Mark Aindow
A. Mark Aindow moved to approve the use of the textbook authored by Barry Carter for his spring 2015 course, MSE 3029, Ceramic Materials; the motion was seconded by Rainer Hebert and approved unanimously by faculty.

V. Undergraduate Issues: Rainer Hebert
A. Courses and Curriculum
1. Rainer Hebert moved to change the catalog number for ‘Material Selection in Mechanical Design’ from MSE 4095 to MSE 4040; the motion was seconded by Theo Kattamis and approved unanimously by faculty.
2. Rainer Hebert moved to add “Open for Materials Science and Engineering majors only” in the catalog descriptions for MSE 2001 and 2002; the motion was seconded by Theo Kattamis and approved unanimously by faculty.
3. Rainer Hebert moved to allow qualified undergraduate students to take one letter grade graduate course as a professional elective course; the motion was seconded by Theo Kattamis and approved unanimously by faculty.
4. Rainer Hebert moved to reduce credits from four to three for MSE 3700; the motion was seconded by Theo Kattamis and approved unanimously by faculty.

VI. Graduate Issues: Bryan Huey
A. Graduate Faculty Appointments: Faculty continued discussion of graduate faculty appointments and the importance of active membership with conferences, publications and grants associated with MSE. The appointment request of William Mustain was put on hold until the MSE Graduate Committee made recommendations of graduate faculty appointments to faculty for discussion and approval.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorri Lafontaine
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IMPORTANT DATES
Friday, October 31: MSE Industrial Board Meeting (9:00 am - 1:00 pm), IMS
Monday, November 3: MSE Faculty Meeting (11:00 am - 12:00 pm), IMS-147A
Monday, December 8: MSE Faculty Meeting (11:00 am - 12:00 pm), IMS-147A