

Dear Department Chairs, Grad Vice Chairs and FEC members:

At the upcoming FEC meeting on December 10, 2021 there will be a motion to delete the Engineer Degree. This degree is a leftover from the days when the School of Engineering did not have the traditional (ABET Accredited) Departmental structure and had a "general engineering" program or "unified" curriculum. Although the Engineer Degree was used on a few occasions (see attachment) three times between 2014 and 2020) for doctoral students who were unable to complete their dissertations, it is now time to remove this vestigial degree. Attached is a rationale for this decision that was presented at the October 15 meeting of the FEC and that we trust was considered by the Departments.

In preparation for the FEC meeting on December 10, 2021, it would be useful if you could provide the following information:

1. Does your Department have any graduate students who are currently in the pipeline to receive an Engineer degree? If so, provisions will be made to ensure that the students are able to complete their pursuit of the Engineer Degree.
2. Does your Department have any concerns about deleting the Engineer degree? Please be sure to raise your concerns to the FEC.

The FEC will consider a vote on the following two options:

- A. Delete the Engineer Degree
- B. Keep the Engineer Degree, with a modified rule specifying that a student cannot simultaneously receive the Engineer Degree and a Ph.D.

Regards,

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