ECE Curriculum Committee Meeting Monday, February 27th, 2023

Attending: Arabshahi , Chen, Gupta, Hussein, Hwang, Johnson, Kirschen, Makhsous, Mizell, Overly, Rudell, Suresh, Swanson, Thomas, Wilson

Agenda:

- 1. Core Courses Group Report (Wilson)
- 2. BSECE Departmental Honors (Undergrad Advising)

Core Courses Group Report (Wilson)

(See Slides)

Wilson presented an update on the work of the Core Course Group, the ECE Curriculum Committee recently created to more formally monitor, assess, and advise on the undergraduate core courses.

- See slides for presentation
- Wilson explained to the committee that the group is not a decision-making group, with its main purpose being to monitor the core courses and make recommendations to the committee. The full ECE CC will make all approvals.
- In response to a question from Rudell asking how the group will ensure the core is ensuring preparedness for upper-division courses, Wilson reviewed a slide (slide 5) explaining the group will be requesting information from upper-division course instructors to determine what areas need to be improved regarding material covered in the core courses.
 - Rudell responded that soliciting information from students might also be informative.
 Wilson agreed, slide updated to reflect.
 - Mizell stated that SAC could help lead that effort.
- Discussion turned to the topic of grading procedures.
 - After consulting with Mizell, the Core Courses Group came up with options for how to address student concerns with grading in the core courses.
 - See proposal document for details on grading options.
 - Committee members concurred with Arabshahi that the grading options should be presented to the whole faculty for review.

Result: Core Courses Group will present grading proposal to the ECE faculty.

BSECE Departmental Honors (Undergrad Advising)

The BSEE degree offered by the department currently has a departmental honors option available to its students. The new BSECE degree does not yet have the departmental honors option, and Whitney Thomas from the ECE Undergraduate Advising team asked the committee to consider implementing the option for the new BSECE degree.

- Committee reviewed current BSEE departmental honors.
- Thomas presented proposed guidelines, comparing them to those in place in other departments.

Motion to approve the BSECE Departmental Honors as outlined: Approved