ECE Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 11th, 2025

Attending: Arabshahi, Chen, Dela Cruz, Hauck, Kaushansky, Kirschen, Moritz, Overly, Reyes, Shepard, Van Fossen

Absent: Bushnell, Huberman, Swanson, Majumdar, Rudell, Fazel

Minutes of Mar. 4th, 2025: Approved

Agenda:

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Concluding the previous discussion of how the Electrical & Computer Engineering department would like to provide the necessary courses to offer writing credits to satisfy the BSECE degree, the committee determined that this would not be realistic due to the lack of resources in both funding and staffing to achieve this goal. The committee decided to move forward with the previously discussed proposals of allowing students to use any writing courses offered by the university to satisfy their writing credits starting with the 2026-2027 academic school year.

- Arabshahi started discussion regarding the possibility of adding writing credits to currently offered EE courses.
    - E E 393 will still be offered, but doing this will ease the load of this course being the only writing course ECE has to offer
    - EE 393 is scheduled for Autumn, Winter and Spring quarters for the 2025-2026 academic year.
    - Capstone courses could add writing credits, with adjustments to satisfy the "W" portion of the course.
        - This would be at the capstone instructor's discretion
    - Update to the degree requirement would be effective starting Aut26
        - Removing the "Advanced Technical Communications" degree requirement
        - Allowing any "W" writing course to fulfill the final 7 writing credits required for all UW undergraduates
- Hauck noted that current students may wish to switch to the more lenient new policy

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- o Discussion of how to handle these situations will be in further meetings
- **Overly will write up a proposal for allowing any university writing courses to count for the BSECE writing requirements for the 2025-2026 academic year and to devise a plan for removing the Advance Technical Communications requirement Win26; this proposal will be sent out and voted on through email**
- **The committee will discuss the implementation of adding a writing credit to capstone courses further.**
- **ADDENDUM: Due to possible impact on ABET requirements, final decision has been postponed.**