

Engineering Students' Forum  
12-1:15 p.m., Feb. 11, 2004  
ET 104

Present: 9 students, department chair and secretary

Remarks by chair:

Younis thanks the students for coming. ASME has a 2-1/2 year tradition of meeting to discuss ideas and problems confronting students.

Computer engineering program has been added to the department. It's now official. The department is working on getting a civil engineering program approved as well as graduate programs in ME and EE. It's more difficult (but not impossible) to convince WL of the need for graduate programs.

We've had a 100% passing rate of the FE exam for the past two year.

The department will be going through reaccreditation fall 2005. Samples of students' work will be collected to show the accrediting body.

Student concerns:

1. CASA was approached unsuccessfully by a student needing a tutor for ME 200.

*A sign will be posted to find a tutor. One of the students present will be available in a couple of weeks.*

2. A student was concerned about getting enough design credit hours.

*Following the curriculum will insure the right number of design credit hours. Technical electives should be taken in the department. The curriculum allows for only one technical elective from outside the department. The engineering technical electives are geared to the region.*

3. A student asked if ME 282 will be scheduled for the morning in fall 2004. All of the classes he needs meet at night and ME 282 is offered in the morning.

*The chair will check into changing it to afternoon.*

4. Will system dynamics be offered in the fall? It's a prerequisite to ME 454.

*Technical electives are offered every three semesters because the enrollment is too low in them.*

5. If 10 individuals petition and a faculty member is available, could ME 282 be offered in the summer?

*It could happen. 50-50 chance.*

6. One of the student's counselor (athletics) told him that no transfer credit is given from other universities (including The Ohio State) in engineering.

*Some courses that have a design element do not transfer. Mathematics and physics transfer for sure as well as dynamics and statics. Student will research and check with department.*

7. Many professors are open about students coming during non-office hours. A student wondered if it was OK to ask.

*It's always OK to ask.*

8. The office hours schedule on the web says "fall." Is it really "spring"?

*Younis will check. (It was incorrect in one place.)*

9. A student was wondering about how one gets a senior design project.

*Check the web. The procedure is outlined. (A seminar will be offered later this semester.) Every senior design project has to be done by a team, no individuals. The best projects are sponsored by industry. If you work or co-op, ask your supervisor. Industry has practical problems to solve. There's more money in industry and it makes the department look good too.*

10. Students would like to see more coordination and interaction between student organizations, the dean, and the chair.

Announcement:

Student organizations have their room back. There will be some restrictions which will be posted on the door.

A garage-type room for projects is being proposed