

Appendix

(Excerpt from ABET report on name change recommendation)

(Support letters from Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry)



Engineering Accreditation Commission

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Program Observations

1. Many of the students in the electronics engineering program are non-traditional students with full-time jobs, and the program has made a concerted effort to provide evening courses that accommodate their schedules. Coordination with other support departments that deliver prerequisites in mathematics or science should be reviewed so as to allow students to pursue evening course options across the entire electronics engineering curriculum.

2. Students and members of the Industrial Advisory Board expressed some concerns regarding the naming of the program. Specifically, their concern was that the use of the term "electronics" rather than "electrical" in the program name may lead some employers to misinterpret the qualifications of program graduates and hinder graduates' employment opportunities.





Kirk Hagen <khagen@weber.edu>

Re: Electronics Engineering program name change

1 message

Paul Talaga <ptalaga@weber.edu>
To: Kirk Hagen <khagen@weber.edu>

Thu, Aug 22, 2013 at 9:35 PM

Hi Krik,

Response to Name change:

The Department of Mathematics fully supports the name change of "Electronics Engineering" to "Electrical Engineering". The new name would be more representative of the program content.



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On Mon, Aug 19, 2013 at 4:14 PM, Kirk Hagen <khagen@weber.edu> wrote:

Everyone,

About a year ago, I asked each of you if you would approve of changing the name of our Electronics Engineering program to Electrical Engineering. I was instructed to wait to submit this change through the system until after our program received ABET accreditation. Now that ABET has accredited the program, we would like to submit the change through the curriculum process.

The term "Electronics" has been problematic ever since the degree was approved in 2010. Students confuse EE with EET, some companies have hiring policy difficulties with the term "electronics", and some people even question the rigor and employability of the degree because of the name.

As part the curriculum proposal, I would like to include in the appendix a letter (email response is okay) from you since EE students take many important courses in your department.

Your assistance with this is appreciated.

--Kirk

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Re: EE name change letter

1 message

Colin Inglefield < cinglefield@weber.edu >

Wed, Aug 28, 2013 at 10:59 AM

To: Kirk Hagen < khagen@weber.edu >

Hi Kirk,

The physics department supports the proposed name change from Electronics Engineering to Electrical Engineering. It's our understanding that this will be a benefit to graduates seeking employment and that the change was recommended by the accrediting body (ABET). The change will not affect the courses that the Physics Department teaches for students in the program.



-Colin Inglefield
Physics Department Chair

On Aug 28, 2013, at 10:06 AM, Kirk Hagen < khagen@weber.edu > wrote:

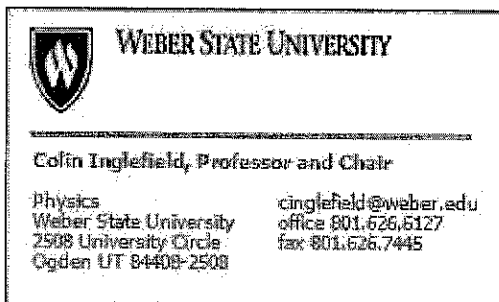
Hello Gentlemen,

I would like to submit our curriculum proposal on changing the name of our EE degree as soon as possible, I know it's a very busy time, but if you could send me a support letter/email, I would appreciate it.

Thanks.

--Kirk

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Re: Electronics Engineering program name change

1 message

H. Laine Berghout <hlberghout@weber.edu>

Wed, Aug 28, 2013 at 11:30 AM

To: Kirk Hagen <khagen@weber.edu>

Kirk,

Chemistry has no concerns about renaming the Electronic Engineering Program, Electrical Engineering, especially if the new program name is consistent with other similar programs.



Thanks, Laine Berghout

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Brian Rague

to me

Kirk,

The Computer Science Department fully supports the proposed degree name change from Electronics Engineering to Electrical Engineering.

Regards,
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