

Fon Brown

From: Ricky Orr <rworr@weber.edu>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 3:16 PM
To: Fon Brown
Subject: Re: Proposed Curriculum Change for EE

Hi Fon - Laura was still a bit uncertain as to whether or not we objected to an EE Power course. We do not object to an EE power course. Obviously it will be more theoretical than our EET version. If we have an EET power lab next fall we would be more than happy to share the space with an EE course taught spring semester given what you have said.

Rick Orr

On Tue, Nov 19, 2013 at 1:25 PM, Fon Brown <fonbrown@weber.edu> wrote:
Rick,

Apparently our e-mail thread was not sufficiently definitive for the curriculum committee. At the moment, we have 5 lab courses per semester and labs are scheduled afternoons from 1:30-4:30 MTWR. Since there are only four time slots, it follows that we need at least two physical labs. If we are thinking of sharing the labs in the near future, those labs are available in the morning when most EET courses seem to be taught, and that would not conflict with us. In the afternoon, we would need five of the MTWR time slots if the curriculum changes are not adopted and six slots (every other year) if the changes are adopted.

Again, we are not looking for any special equipment or resources for the lab (most lab exercises will be computer analysis in MATLAB), so there should be no resource conflict except that we will need one more afternoon per week in one of the existing labs.

Please let me know if, given this explanation, you have any specific objections to the courses proposed by the Engineering Department.

Thanks,

- Fon

On Fri, Nov 8, 2013 at 10:36 AM, Ricky Orr <rworr@weber.edu> wrote:
Sounds fine to me. I still have concerns in general as to where everyone goes next year but that is pretty much in Dave's court. I think the power class is a bit more difficult to relocate since some equipment takes 220V but there are maybe a couple of options over here depending on what space we end up with.

Thanks Fon

Rick O

On Thu, Nov 7, 2013 at 2:05 PM, Fon Brown <fonbrown@weber.edu> wrote:

Rick,

I've discussed it with the faculty and the plan is for the power systems' lab exercises to be primarily in MATLAB. There will be an occasional demonstration, but when that happens we'll bring whatever equipment or parts we need to the lab (or pull it out of a closet). We are teaching the course as EE4900 this spring without a lab and it will not likely be taught again for two years. By that time, we hope to have acquired the equipment we need. In terms of scheduling a location, we have no plans to teach more courses per semester than before (just different ones), so we shouldn't need more lab space, but if we do need to share a lab due to power requirements, it seems that EET's power class is taught in the fall and ours would be taught in the spring, so I don't see a conflict there.

Please let me know if you have any more concerns or if you feel that these have not been dealt with adequately.

Thanks.

- Fon

On Wed, Nov 6, 2013 at 11:30 AM, Ricky Orr <rworr@weber.edu> wrote:

Hi Fon - my only concern is with the power lab that we currently use in our EET power and motors course. Will the course use the same lab equipment? If so how do we share maintenance and upgrade costs since the current EET lab is expensive to maintain. I also have concerns about scheduling and actual location since we currently have no lab space at all next year if they tear the building down (or for any of the labs for that matter). If space is found the lab will be more expensive than others to relocate due to it's power requirements.

On Tue, Nov 5, 2013 at 10:24 AM, Fon Brown <fonbrown@weber.edu> wrote:

The EE department is considering a curriculum change to include two new electives. At your convenience, please look over the attached syllabi and let me know if you have any objections.

Thanks,

- Fon

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