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DISCONTINUANCE OF THE BRIDGE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approves the discontinuance of the Bridge Graduate Certificate in Engineering Management, effective fall term 2016.

Background

This certificate program was created to serve as a bridge for undergraduate students interested in pursuing an M.S. in Engineering Management but may not have had the pre-requisites to be admitted, and working students who may not have had the required time to invest in a full Master's degree program. Regrettably, throughout the existence of this program, not enough students have registered for this certificate program to justify its continuance. As such, the Committee for Engineering Management recommended to the Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering that the Bridge Certificate in Engineering Management be discontinued.

Program Description

The Engineering Management Bridge Certificate Program includes a multi-disciplinary curriculum administered through the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering in the College of Engineering. The program was designed to prepare graduate students, individual practitioners, and professionals to work in the fields of manufacturing, product realization, engineering design, and operations/process/service management in a variety of settings, integrating business into the student's primary discipline.

Approvals

The proposal for the discontinuation of this certificate program was approved by the faculty and chair of the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, the faculty of the College of Engineering, the Dean of Engineering, the Graduate Council, the Dean of the Graduate School, and the Provost.