

To: Michael Green, Faculty President
From: Ed Morse, Mechanical Engineering
Date: 1 September, 2011

Draft Motion for Faculty Council

Background

The item "**GRAD 10-15-10: Teaching at the College or University Level**," which proposed the introduction of a 3-credit graduate level (6001/8001) course, appeared on the May 26, 2011 consent calendar. There was no supporting documentation with the proposal (e.g., a long form), and the representative from Mechanical Engineering (Ed Morse) raised an objection as there were questions about the proposal from within his department.

In the transition to new leadership this objection was misplaced; the proposal was understood to be approved, the course has been included in the 2011/2012 catalog, and is currently being offered.

Having reviewed the long form course proposal, and having met with representatives from the Graduate School and with the Faculty President, the faculty council representative from Mechanical Engineering wishes to make the motion below.

Motion

Recognizing that the consent calendar procedures were not followed, and that the objection raised by the unit (MENG) has been resolved to their satisfaction, it is proposed that the item GRAD 10-15-10 from the May 26, 2011 consent calendar be approved *ex post facto*.

Additional Information

1) Text of original objection

After discussion with my colleagues, I feel that it's appropriate for Faculty Council to discuss proposal GRAD 10-15-10. There is a specific concern regarding the resources within the Graduate School to teach this 3-credit course, and also how it complements existing courses in, for example, the College of Education.

2) Long form course proposal (provided by Graduate School)