

Minutes of the Graduate Faculty of September 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Chair Don Madison at 3:30 pm in the Mark Twain Room of UCE

The chair again announced the members representing the Graduate Faculty on the Campus Curriculum, Budgetary Affairs, Research Policy, and Membership Committees. (See minutes of the Graduate Council Meeting of August 23, 1999)

The following items were referred to the full Graduate Faculty by the Graduate Council:

1. Reduction of the minimum number of hours required for a non-thesis MS degree from 33 to 30 hours.

Keith Stanek moved and Lokesh Dharani seconded that the change be approved. As part of the discussion, Stanek summarized the description of the MS in Systems Engineering which is being developed for Boeing Corporation with the University of Southern California as a partner. Some discussion covered the finances of the program, which are detailed elsewhere.

Bruce Selberg moved and Al Crosbie seconded that the reduction of hours apply only to the new program in Systems Engineering. The motion failed.

The original motion passed.

2. Elimination of the requirement for a comprehensive examination for the non-thesis MS degree.

Henry Wiebe moved and Keith Stanek seconded that the change be approved. The word 'non-thesis', as used above, was added by a friendly amendment, since the original motion did not contain that modifier.

Matt Insall moved and James Johnson seconded an amendment to remove the word 'non-thesis'. The motion failed.

The original motion passed.

3. Approval of the proposed MS in Systems Engineering as presented.

Details of the degree plan are given in minutes of the Graduate Faculty of May 3, 1999, and the Graduate Council

of August 23, 1999. Also www.incose.org gives more information. Keith Stanek moved and Henry Wiebe seconded that the new degree be approved. The motion passed.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.