

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Office of the Dean

TO:

Debasish (Deba) Dutta, Provost

FROM:

Mark J. T. Smith, Dean

DATE:

May 24, 2016

SUBJECT:

Combined Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a Master of Science in

Engineering from Purdue University Fort Wayne

I am transmitting for your information, review, and approval, a proposal for a Combined Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a Master of Science in Engineering from Purdue University Fort Wayne. This combined degree program will be offered by the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science.

The objective of this new program is to meet the demand of a skilled workforce in Northeast Indiana and to equip students to succeed in our rapidly changing world. It will position them to become senior engineering professionals or technical managers. Northeast Indiana is home to more than 160 advanced manufacturing companies. This program will prepare students for the future by broadening and deepening the understanding of engineering principles, state-of-the-art technology, and technical management.

The Graduate School has reviewed the proposal for compliance with policies and procedures governing combined degree programs and verified that the proposed program meets those requirements. Students who graduate from this program will meet all the requirements for both degrees. Since these degrees are already recognized degrees, they do not require action by the Board of Trustees or by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

The Graduate School will review the combined degree in four years to assure that the enrollments are reasonable. If they are not significant, the combined degree offering will be discontinued.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your consideration of this important innovation in graduate education.

Copies: James Mohler, Candiss Vibbert, Carol Sternberger, Abdullah Eroglu

Enclosure: Proposal with signature page

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