

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Establishment of the Division of Integrative Systems and Design, College of Engineering

SUBJECT: Reorganization of the Michigan Interdisciplinary and Professional Engineering Program (InterPro) into the Division of Integrative Systems and Design, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2013

The College of Engineering requests approval to reorganize the Michigan Interdisciplinary and Professional Engineering Program (InterPro) by creating a distinct divisional identification with a focused academic mission. The new Division of Integrative Systems and Design (ISD) will function as an academic unit in the College of Engineering with faculty and staff appointments and budgets.


InterPro has been the College of Engineering's unit for interdisciplinary and professional education comprising three activities: teaching and delivery of professional master degree programs, including several Master of Engineering (MEng) programs and MS in financial engineering, Doctor of Engineering (DEng) in manufacturing and PhD in design science; offering short courses through the Center for Professional Development (CPD); and video lecture capture and online delivery technologies and their implementation in course production for both degree programs and non-credit programs. Each of these functions was developed over the past 20 years with a separate academic, business and service mission. A need for unification and focus of the organization's activities with a clear academic mission was identified through internal and external reviews; the new ISD division will meet this need.


After extensive discussions with faculty in the college and careful analysis of the implications of various organizational structures, the dean and executive committee of the College of Engineering agree that a strong divisional structure replacing the existing programs will better recognize the interdisciplinary nature of the programs within it and the ties to other departments in the college, while maintaining successful joint programs. The proposal to establish the Division of Integrative Systems and Design was approved by the College of Engineering faculty on February 20, 2013.

In the new structure, faculty will be appointed as joint faculty members in the new Division of Integrative Systems and Design. Faculty will retain an appointment and a tenure home in another primary department. The division will be led by a division chair.

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