PROPOSED DEGREE PROGRAM STAGE II ABSTRACT FORM

Degree and/or Concentration Proposed: Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) in Mechanical

Engineering

Department/School or College: Mechanical Engineering / College of Engineering

Faculty Contact Person: Assoc. Dean of Research and Graduate Programs

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September, 2011 Anticipated date of matriculation of first students:

No. of initial students:

10

Focus of Program:

The Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) degree is designed to prepare students for careers in industry in mechanical engineering, by complementing technical mechanical engineering courses with an engineering management focus that emphasizes elements of technology leadership and product development and management.

Need for Program:

Currently, the Department of Mechanical Engineering offers a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering that prepares students well for careers in research. The Department does not, however, offer a degree specifically designed to prepare students for industrial careers. The proposed M.Eng. degree is geared toward the industrial and management aspects of mechanical engineering. The degree program will feature a project course rather than a research thesis, and will require up to three engineering management courses. There is a demand from industry both nationally and internationally for professional master's degrees. This M.Eng. program will allow students to gain exposure to management issues in the global marketplace in addition to a strong training in classical advanced mechanical engineering courses. It will therefore position graduates well to succeed in careers in industry.

Relation to Existing Programs:

The proposed degree program will be built upon courses currently being taught in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. In 2008, the Department of Acrospace and Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Manufacturing Engineering merged into a single Department of Mechanical Engineering. As a result of this merger, a set of engineering management courses that were taught through the manufacturing programs became part of the suite of mechanical engineering courses. This new M.Eng. program is a natural progression of the departmental merger and fills a need for classically-trained mechanical engineers who are also prepared to be technology leaders and managers. Once the M.Eng. degree program is put into place, the existing M.S. in mechanical engineering will be restructured to require a research thesis. Thus, the M.S. degree will prepare students for careers in research whereas the M.Eng. degree will prepare students for careers in industry.

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(by unanimous voice vote with no opposing votes or indicated abst	entions)
Signature of Dean:	Date: 9/13/10
Stage II Approval:	Date:
(Office of the Provost)	
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Proposed Degree Program: Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) in Mechanical Engineering

proposed by:

College of Engineering Kenneth Lutchen, Dean

and

Department of Mechanical Engineering Ronald Roy, Chairman

Executive Summary

This document outlines the proposal for a Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) degree program in Mechanical Engineering. The M.Eng. degree will differ from the Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Mechanical Engineering in several ways: it is designed to prepare students for careers in industry; it will not require a research-based thesis; and it requires engineering management courses designed to foster technology leadership skills.

The M. Eng. degree program will be managed using the administrative, recruiting, admissions, and advising procedures that are already in place within the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the College of Engineering. The needed instructional and research laboratories already exist. However, there will be a need for additional faculty lines.

No competing degree programs exist within the University.

1. Program Objectives

1.1 Introduction

The Department of Mechanical Engineering proposes a new program leading to the degree Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) in Mechanical Engineering. The Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) degree is designed to prepare students for careers in industry in mechanical engineering, by complementing technical mechanical engineering courses with an engineering management focus that emphasizes elements of technology leadership and product development and management.

1.2 Rationale and Need for the Program

Currently, the Department of Mechanical Engineering offers a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering that prepares students well for careers in research. The Department does not, however, offer a degree specifically designed to prepare students for industrial careers. The proposed M.Eng. degree is geared toward the industrial and management aspects of mechanical engineering. The degree program will feature a project course rather than a research thesis, and will require up to three engineering management courses. There is a demand from industry both nationally and internationally for professional master's degrees. This M.Eng. program will allow students to gain exposure to management issues in the global marketplace in addition to a strong training in classical advanced mechanical engineering courses. It will therefore position graduates well to succeed in careers in industry.

1.3 Employment Outlook for Program Graduates

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "overall engineering employment is expected to grow by 11 percent over the 2008-2018 decade... Competitive pressures and advancing technology will force companies to improve and update product designs and to optimize their manufacturing processes. Employers will rely on engineers to increase productivity and expand output of goods and services". Employment growth for mechanical engineers, already the second largest sector within engineering, is expected to be 6 percent. Additionally, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics states that "employment of engineering and natural sciences managers is expected to grow 8 percent over the 2008-2018 decade... Engineers and scientists with advanced technical knowledge and strong communication skills will be in the best position to become managers. Because engineering and natural sciences managers are involved in the financial, production, and marketing activities of their firm, business management skills are also advantageous for those seeking management positions." (www.bls.gov)

The proposed M.Eng. program in Mechanical Engineering will prepare our students well to compete for these engineering management jobs in the coming decade.

Although it is expected that most of the graduates of the M.Eng. program will go to industry, it is possible that this program will also become a feeder of a small number of students to the Ph.D. program.

1.4 Relationship to Existing Programs at Boston University

The proposed degree program will be built upon courses currently being taught in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. In 2008, the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Manufacturing Engineering merged into a single Department of Mechanical Engineering. As a result of this merger, a set of engineering management courses that were taught through the manufacturing programs became part of the suite of mechanical engineering courses. This new M.Eng. program is a natural progression of the departmental merger and fills a need for classically-trained mechanical engineers who are also prepared to be technology leaders and managers.

Many of the engineering management courses are taught through the Department's Distance Learning Program. It is expected that there will be a synergistic relationship between the DLP and the new M.Eng. degrees in that the M.Eng. program will utilize the

courses taught through the DLP, and the DLP will be a natural feeder for students into the M.Eng. degree program.

Once the M.Eng. degree program is put into place, the existing M.S. in mechanical engineering will be restructured to require a research thesis (currently, it is an option). Thus, the M.S. degree will prepare students for careers in research whereas the M.Eng. degree will prepare students for careers in industry.

The creation of an M.Eng. degree in Mechanical Engineering also aids in fulfilling a goal stated in the College of Engineering Strategic Vision 2010 document of creating a suite of new professional masters programs. Currently, M.Eng. degrees are offered in Biomedical Engineering and in Systems Engineering. Proposals for new M.Eng. degrees are also being prepared in Manufacturing Engineering, Material Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Photonics.

1.5 Documentation of Consultation with Cognate Units

This proposal was prepared by the Department of Mechanical Engineering. It has been approved by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, the College of Engineering Faculty, and the College of Engineering Dean.

In the preparation of the College of Engineering Strategic Vision 2010, an *ad hoc* committee which ultimately determined the goal of creating a suite of professional masters programs within the College included members of cognate natural science departments within the College of Arts and Sciences as well as cognate departments within the School of Management.

1.6 Similar Programs at Other Universities

In the 10 Year Plan of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, prepared in the Spring of 2010, seven peer institutions were identified: Duke University, Northwestern University, Rice University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, Vanderbilt University, and Washington University. Additionally, comparisons are made with other local institutions: Northeastern University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Cornell University. Almost all of these peer institutions offer some form of professional masters degrees, and many offer degrees in Mechanical Engineering which are non-thesis-based.

At <u>Duke</u>, the Pratt School of Engineering offers a Master of Engineering Management Program. The degree is completed in one full year and includes four required management courses, four technical electives (which could be in mechanical engineering), a summer internship, and participation in a special seminar series featuring leaders from industry.

The Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Northwestern University offers seven different professional Master's programs. The Department of

Mechanical Engineering is most closely aligned with two of them, a two year full-time dual degree MBA/MEM (Master's of Engineering Management), and a two year part-time (weekend) Master of Product Development.

At <u>Rice University</u>, the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science offers a professional Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering (M.M.E.) which can include a research project but does not require a thesis.

University of Pennsylvania's Engineering School of Engineering and Applied Science has an Executive Master's in Technology Management Program which features a mix of management and technology courses and an Emerging Technologies Seminar. The Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics (MEAM) offers a MSE degree which includes a required seminar but no thesis.

At the <u>University of Pittsburgh</u>, the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science offers a professional version of the MS degree which does not require a thesis, but is also strictly engineering.

<u>Vanderbilt University's</u> Department of Mechanical Engineering has a Master of Engineering degree (ME) in Mechanical Engineering.

The Department of Mechanical, Aerospace & Structural Engineering (MASE) at Washington University in St. Louis offers a Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) degree in Mechanical Engineering. It is a non-thesis degree consisting of engineering and mathematics courses. Additionally, its School of Engineering & Applied Science has a Master of Engineering Management (MEM) degree which consists of technology management courses.

The <u>Northeastern University College of Engineering</u> offers several professional masters programs, including an MS in Engineering Management. This program combines courses in engineering and management and includes a thesis or a project.

At <u>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</u>, the Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Nuclear Engineering (MANE) offers an M. Eng. degree in Mechanical Engineering. This is a program that does not require a thesis, but does require some type of culminating project, internship, or similar experience. Up to one-fifth of the credits could be from outside of engineering/science (could be management).

<u>Cornell University's</u> College of Engineering offers Master of Engineering (MEng) programs in several fields, including Mechanical Engineering. The MEng degree is completed in one year, involves a design project rather than a thesis, and allows up to two non-technical courses.

2. Academic Program

2.1 Overview

The program will make use of Mechanical Engineering core courses and Engineering Management courses already in place in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. No new courses will be required.

2.2 Catalog Copy for Proposed Program

Master of Engineering students are required to complete a minimum of 32 credit hours applicable to the degree according to the program planning sheet. No master's thesis is required. All 32 credits must be at the 500 level or above. The 32 credits must be selected as follows:

- 3 courses (12 credits) must be Mechanical Engineering Core Courses
- 2 courses (8 credits) must be Engineering Management Courses
- 3 courses (12 credits) may be Engineering/Science electives (any 500/700 level engineering or physical science course, with no more than one course from the approved list of Engineering Management Courses)

In addition to these course requirements, students must complete a project experience, approved by the student's academic advisor. The project requirement could be met by completing a project in one of the courses used to satisfy the above course requirements, or by working in one of the college's research laboratories.

Mechanical Engineering Core Courses

ME 503 *	Kinetic Processes in Materials
ME 504 *	Polymers and Soft Materials
ME 505 *	Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics
ME 508 *	Computational Methods in Materials Science
ME 507 *	Process Modeling and Control
ME 508 *	Computational Methods in Materials Science
ME 510 *	Production Systems Analysis
ME 514 *	Simulation
ME 515 *	Vibration of Complex Mechanical Systems
ME 516 *	Statistical Mechanical Concepts in Engineering
ME 519	Theory of Heat Transfer
ME 520 *	Acoustics I
ME 521 *	Continuum Mechanics
ME 522	Underwater Acoustics
ME 523 *	Mechanics of Biomaterials
ME 524 *	Skeletal Tissue Mechanics
ME 526	Simulation of Physical Processes
ME 529	Thermodynamics and Kinetics of Materials and Processes

ME 531	Phase Transformations
ME 532	Atomic Structure and Dislocations in Materials
ME 534	Materials Technology for Microelectronics
ME 541	Classical Thermodynamics
ME 542 *	Advanced Fluid Mechanics
ME 544	Networking the Physical World
ME 545 *	Electrochemistry of Fuel Cells and Batteries
ME 555 *	MEMS: Fabrication and Materials
ME 560 *	Precision Machine Design and Instrumentation
ME 570	Robot Motion Planning
ME 579 *	Microelectronic Device Manufacturing
ME 580	Theory of Elasticity
ME 581	Experimental Techniques in Solid Mechanics
ME 582 *	Mechanical Behavior of Materials
ME 702	Computational Fluid Dynamics
ME 704	Adaptive Control of Dynamic Systems
ME 706	Acoustics and Aerodynamic Sound
ME 707 *	Finite Element Analysis
ME 709 *	Turbulent Flows
ME 710 *	Dynamic Programming and Stochastic Control
ME 713	Viscous Flows
ME 714 *	Advanced Stochastic Modeling and Simulation
ME 715 *	Waves in Fluids
ME 718	Advanced Topics in Nanotechnology
ME 720 *	Acoustics II
ME 721	Acoustic Bubble Dynamics
ME 722	Wave Propagation in Solids
ME 723	Waves in Random Media
ME 724 *	Advanced Optimization Theory and Methods
ME 725 *	Queuing Systems
ME 726 *	Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering I
ME 727 *	Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering II
ME 729	Non-linear Acoustics and Sonic Booms
ME 732	Combinatorial Optimization and Graph Algorithms
ME 733 *	Discrete Event and Hybrid Systems
ME 740 *	Vision, Robotics, and Planning
ME 741	Fluid-Structure Interaction
ME 742	Bio-Fluids and Structural Mechanics
ME 743	Multiphase Flow
ME 745	Computational Aeroacoustics
ME 755 *	Communication Networks
ME 761	Experimental Modal Analysis and System Identification
ME 762 *	Non-linear Control of Mechanical Systems
ME 765 *	Production System Design
ME 766 *	Advanced Scheduling Models and Methods
ME 778	Micro-machined Transducers

ME 780	Perturbation Methods in Mechanics
ME 788	Soft Tissue Biomechanics

Engineering Management Courses

ME 502 *	Intellectual Assets: Creation, Protection, and Commercialization
ME 517 *	Product Development
ME 525 *	Technology Ventures
ME 550	Product Supply Chain Design
ME 583 *	Product Management
ME 584 *	Manufacturing Strategy
ME 703	Managerial Cost Accounting

^{*} Offered at least every two years

3. Program Administration

3.1 Administration of the Program

The program will be administered by the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The Department's Graduate Committee, which is appointed by the Department's Executive Committee, will be responsible for the oversight of the program. The Graduate Committee is led by the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies and is comprised of faculty members from the Department. One staff member, the Department's Graduate Programs Coordinator, is Ex-officio. All graduate-level curricular issues are first voted on by the Graduate Committee and then by the Department's faculty. Additional support for the program will come from the Department's Distance Learning Committee.

3.2 Recruitment and Admissions

The recruitment of students into this program will utilize the existing mechanisms for recruiting students into all College of Engineering graduate programs. This will include an announcement in the College of Engineering magazine, as well as well-designed web sites.

The College of Engineering's Graduate Programs Office will handle admissions and financial aid. The requirements for admission will be consistent with other masters programs in the College of Engineering.

We expect that many of the future matriculates into the program will be either mechanical engineers who move directly from an undergraduate ME program into graduate study, or who are employed by larger engineering firms and are being funded by the company to obtain a graduate degree. Current undergraduates in mechanical engineering will find their job prospects greatly enhanced by the advanced technical training as well as the technology innovation preparation that will be an integral part of the program. Also, many local corporations such as Raytheon and BAE Systems require

their engineers to obtain masters degrees and we feel that many will be attracted to the M.Eng. degree program. It is also likely that some matriculates will come from the College's Late Entry Accelerated Program (LEAP).

3.3 Academic and Graduation Standards

The academic requirements and graduation standards will be consistent with other masters programs in the College of Engineering. These requirements can be found in the Graduate Programs Bulletin: "Graduate students must complete their required academic program with a grade point average of at least 3.0 to graduate. The graduation GPA includes all coursework taken after matriculation applicable to the degree sought (regardless of grade obtained) and any previous courses submitted in fulfillment of program requirements."

3.4 Advising

The Mechanical Engineering Graduate Programs Coordinator will track all ME M.Eng. students. All students are assigned a faculty advisor. Every student receives a Program Planning Sheet (PPS) which shows current curriculum requirements. This mode of course tracking has been in use by the College of Engineering for over 20 years and has proven to be an effective method for the purposes of planning, registration, and degree certification. The PPS and the College of Engineering Graduate Programs Bulletin describe all program and course requirements including course pre-requisites.

3.5 Enrollment Projections

We expect an initial cohort of approximately 10 students for Fall 2011, and expect that many of these students will come from the Boston University undergraduate and LEAP populations. Within the next five years, we expect this to grow to 20-30 students per year. There is no minimum number needed since no new courses will be added initially.

3.6 Accreditation

There will be no external accreditation of this program. M.Eng. programs in engineering are customarily not subject to accreditation review by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

4. Resources

4.1 Existing Faculty

The Mechanical Engineering Core courses, and most of the Engineering Management courses are already being taught within the Department of Mechanical Engineering by the existing ME faculty. Current Mechanical Engineering faculty members are listed below:

Sean Andersson Stormy Attaway John Baillieul

Lorena Barba

Paul Barbone Eytan Barouch Soumendra Basu Calin Belta James Bethune

Thomas Bifano Michael Caramanis William Carey

Robin Cleveland

Dan Cole

Theo de Winter Kamil Ekinci Caleb Farny Michael Gevelber

Srikanth Gopalan Sheryl Grace William Hauser

Yehonathan Hazony R. Glynn Holt Michael Howe Mort Isaacson

Catherine Klapperich

Xi Lin

Gregory McDaniel Elise Morgan Ray Nagem Uday Pal Harold Park James Perkins Allan Pierce Tyrone Porter

Ronald Roy, Chairman

Vinod Sarin

Matthias Schneider Andre Sharon Pirooz Vakili Hua Wang

Donald Wroblewski Victor Yakhot Katherine Zhang

Xin Zhang, Associate Chair for Graduate

Studies

4.2 New Faculty and Staff Requirements

It is expected that at least one, and possibly two (eventually), new faculty lines will be necessary to handle the increased teaching load specifically in the Engineering Management courses.

4.3 Existing and Needed Library and Computer Resources

The library and computing resources at Boston University and within the College of Engineering will also be available to students in the new M. Eng. Program. No other resources will be required.

4.4 Special equipment or supply needs

No special equipment or supplies will be necessary for the administration of the proposed M. Eng. Program.

4.5 Financial Assistance Available

We expect that most students who will enroll in the new degree program will cover their full tuition expenses. A few may receive Research Assistantships or Graduate Teaching Fellowships.

4.6 Budget Projections

The only additional cost is that required to support a single FTE. It may become necessary to exceed this, if the program grows substantially. It is important to note that this FTE will be shared with the proposed companion program – the M.Eng. in Manufacturing Engineering – which has several courses in common.

4.7 Statement from Dean Lutchen Regarding Financial Resources and Space Implications

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FORM

Part I-General

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^{*}Object Codes 900,903,905 to be detailed in Part IV

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FORM (CONT.)

Part II-Income Projections

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Note: Fee rates are subject to change. Please be sure to use current fee rates for your calculations.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FORM (CONT.)

Part III-Expense Projections

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^{*} Complete Part IV for the 900,903, and 905 salary expenses. Amounts should be identical.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FORM (CONT.)

Part IV-Position and Salary Detail

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