

Abbreviated Category I Proposal for the Termination of the Master of Software Engineering
School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Oregon State University

Statement from Bella Bose, Director of Academic Affairs for the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Oregon State University (12/13/03)

During the 8-3-03 ETIC meeting ETIC has made a recommendation to Chancellor Jarvis that the OMSE be moved to PSU. You can see this recommendation at the web site

http://www.oregonetic.org/meetings/etic_minutes/03-0806.pdf

Since then PSU has been taking charge of this program. At present, there are 6 OMSE students enrolled through OSU. The current plan is that we will continue to advise these students till they get their degree from OSU. This was the decision we made after we got a request regarding this from Cindy Brown, the CS chair at PSU.

Thus, OSU needs to drop the OMSE degree from the set of degrees that EECS-OSU offers. We request you to do whatever steps required to reflect this change. If you want further information or help please contact Terri or me. Thank you.

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Statement from Shirley Clark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Oregon University System (01/14/04):

Analysis of the fiscal viability and productivity of the OMSE program undertaken in spring 2003 suggested that either the joint program be phased out or placed with a single host university as of fall 2004. With the Engineering and Technology Industry Council (ETIC), Chancellor Jarvis and I deliberated the issues and potential resolutions and received ETIC's advice. The consensus was to invite proposals from interested partners to offer the OMSE program in a more cost-effective manner. Subsequently, proposals were received from Portland State University and the Oregon Graduate Institute (now merged with the Oregon Health and Science University). The Portland State University proposal was selected, with the date of implementation effective fall 2003. It is understood that former partner universities to the OMSE may work with Portland State University to offer courses, as needed. However, Portland State University will be the only institution of the original four to offer the degree (once students who had been formally admitted to the other institutions have finished their programs).

Under these circumstances, it would be appropriate for Oregon State University to terminate its program authorization for the Oregon Master's in Software Engineering and remove the degree from catalogue listings, etc.

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