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Undergraduate Advising in ECE

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Undergraduate Advising (UAC) Committee



- The UAC is a committee of 14 ECE faculty members.
- They are charged with advising you (ECE sophomores) on:
 - Course selection
 - Career guidance
 - Mentor selection
 - And other ECE-related activities that include:
 - undergraduate research and co-op opportunities
 - summer internships
 - technical organizations (IEEE, ACM, Eta Kappa Nu,)
 - etc.
- The UAC cannot advise you about:
 - Jerk roommates
 - Evil boyfriends or girlfriends
 - Parents upset about the ratio of your GPA and CMU tuition

$$\frac{\text{GPA}}{\text{Tuition}} = \frac{0.78}{\text{\$}} =$$



The Faces of the UAC



Rohit Negi
UAC Chair



Shawn Blanton
Past UAC Chair



Dave Greve



Dave O'Hallaran



Sarosh Talukdar



Don Thomas



Tsuhhan Chen



L. Rick Carley



Tom Sullivan



Dave Casasent



Phil Koopman



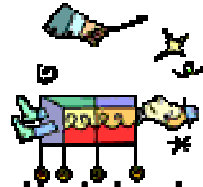
Chuck Neuman



Richard Stern



Ozan Tonguz



- The ECE sophomore class is divided among UAC members.
- We (the UAC) meet several times a semester to identify information we need to pass along to you.
 - For example, changes in course content, semester offerings, pre-requisites, differences in similar courses (36-217 versus 36-220), etc.

What's going to happen?

- You will be contacted by your faculty advisor (through email) for a one-on-one meeting.
- You will also be reminded by J. Peters (through email) to meet with your faculty advisor.
 - Janet will provide you a questionnaire to complete before your meeting that asks you to think about your matriculation through ECE (i.e., GPA, current courses, planned courses, etc.)
 - You can also talk with Janet about switching to another faculty advisor.
- Meeting purpose: To discuss your interests in ECE and what topics/courses relate to those interests.
 - Fall 2006 (late Oct. and early Nov.): At least a 30-minute meeting with your advisor to discuss course registration for the Spring-2007 semester.
 - Spring 2007 (late March and early April): At least a 30-minute meeting with your advisor to identify candidates to serve as your faculty mentor.
- Your participation is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged.

Faculty Mentors

- Faculty mentors advise you from your 3rd semester through graduation on topics that include, for example:
 - Course selection
 - Summer internships
 - Careers (graduate school, employers, etc.)
 - Undergraduate research opportunities
 - International opportunities
- You should meet with your mentor at least once a semester to discuss the items above.
- Faculty mentors cannot *necessarily* advise you on university requirements for graduation (see Janet Peters and use the academic audit for this information), minors in other departments, and other items outside of ECE.



Summary

- Advising with ECE involves you meeting with a faculty advisor and mentor (later) to discuss your matriculation through ECE specifically and Carnegie Mellon in general.
- Read your email and please respond to advisor requests for a meeting.
- Please get started by attending and meeting your undergraduate faculty advisor today at 4:30, Singleton Room, Roberts Hall during the Sophomore Reception.



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SOPHOMORE WELCOME RECEPTION



THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 4:30-7:00PM
ROBERT'S ENGINEERING HALL
SINGLETON ROOM

Have your class
photo taken



photo session
5:30-7:00pm

Meet the ECE department
Get to know your faculty and staff advisors
Hear from ECE student leaders
Enjoy good food!