

January 31, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Reza Raeisi, Chair
ECE Department

FROM: Professor Steven Church, Chair
University Graduate Committee

RE: **Option Elevation Proposal for ECE**

Dear Drs. Raeisi, Nunna, and Larralde-Muro

Thank you for joining the University Graduate Committee on Jan. 28 to discuss the proposed option elevation of the MS in Engineering with an electrical- or computer-engineering option to a MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering. We appreciate the brief history of the program and the larger context for these changes; and we greatly appreciate the clear, concise, focused, and polished proposal.

The committee recognizes that the ECE industry will be open to this change degree because electrical- and computer-engineering are often “mixed together” and not sharply divided. The change is also consistent with ECE department’s culture because the department does not distinguish between electrical- and computer-engineering faculty. It also seems clear that the proposed changes may also be helpful from a branding and marketing perspective and could have a positive impact on student recruitment.

The University Graduate Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed option elevation to the MS degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Thank you for your dedication to students and to graduate education at Fresno State.

Sincerely,



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