

April 12, 2024
Revised April 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Academic Transformation Update: Program Review Preliminary Recommendation

Dear President Stuart and Dean Smith,

In accordance with the provisions of [Board of Governors Rule 2.2](#), the Program Review Appeal Hearing for the BS in Mechanical Engineering was held on April 24, 2024, at 9am.

The Appeal was of the following preliminary recommendation:

- BS Mechanical Engineering: Continuance at the current level of activity with specific action

The program also appealed the specific action assigned as a result of that preliminary recommendation:

- By December 15, 2024, submit in CIM a revision to program curriculum that removes the 3-credit hour technical elective requirement and reduces the required credit hours to complete the program to 122.

The members of the Program Review Appeal Committee for this program were:

- Mark Gavin, Associate Provost for Academic Budget, Facilities, and Strategic Initiatives; Vice-Provost's designee
- Lou Slimak, Associate Provost for Curriculum and Assessment
- Evan Widders, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education
- Robin Hissam, Associate Dean, Statler College
- Valerie Lastinger, Associate Dean, Eberly College
- Scott Fleming, Dean of Business, Humanities, and Social Sciences, WVUIT
- Cortney Barko, Faculty Assembly Chair-elect, WVUIT

The appeal was presented by Dr. Bernie Bettig and the committee thanks him for his clear, informative, collegial, and effective appeal presentation.

Result of the Appeal

Taking the information presented into consideration the Committee has made the following two determinations:

- By a vote of 7 to 0, deny the appeal to change the preliminary action from “Continuance at the current level of activity with specific action” to “Continuance at the current level of activity without specific action.”

- By a vote of 7 to 0, grant the appeal to change the specific action originally assigned (as stated above) to the following:
 - By December 15, 2024, submit in CIM a revision to program curriculum that removes 3 to 5 credit hours of the program's choice from its program requirements.

The decision of the Program Review Appeal Committee is final and this recommendation will now be sent to the Board of Governors for their review and vote at their June meeting.

Questions about the results of this appeal may be directed to Lou Slimak, Associate Provost for Curriculum and Assessment.

Sincerely,

WVU Office of the Provost