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TO: Members, University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: Course/Program Actions: Effective Date: Fall Semester, 2002,
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

The Senate Council circulates for your approval the following curricular actions. Objections will be accepted from University Senators and faculty members and must be received on or before August 25, 2002. All other requirements for the courses or programs as approved below must be met.

GRADUATE COUNCIL

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Doctoral Degree Program Change:

Current: 2 years of a foreign language

Proposed: Technical writing course such as ENG 204, Technical Writing
(Students will demonstrate proficiency by earning a grade of B or better)

Rationale: Over the last two decades, English has become the language of choice for an overwhelmingly large section of research and related literature in electrical and computer engineering. English is also the official language of practically all international conferences in engineering and science. As a

result, almost all ECE departments across the United States have dropped the foreign language requirement for their PhD programs. Faculty in UK's ECE department are following suit and voted 18-1 in favor of dropping this requirement.

Feedback from the industry, alumni and other stakeholders clearly indicates that UK's PhD graduates in Electrical and Computer Engineering need to be highly skilled in technical writing.

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