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TO: Richard Koubek, President

FROM: Andrew Storer, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs 

DATE: November 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Senate Proposal 7-25

Attached is Senate proposal 7-25, "Proposal to Shelve the Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics (EEM)," and a memo stating the Senate passed this proposal at their November 14, 2024 meeting. I have reviewed this memo and recommend approval the proposal.

If you concur with my recommendation, the provost's office will seek the following approvals.

n/a Board of Trustees

n/a Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU)

n/a Higher Learning Commission (HLC); screening required for all degree programs as well certificates

I concur X do not concur with the provost's recommendation as stated in this memo.



Richard Koubek, President

11/19/24

Date



DATE: November 14, 2024
TO: Richard Koubek, President
FROM: Robert Hutchinson, University Senate President
SUBJECT: Proposal 7-25
COPIES: Andrew Storer, Provost & Senior VP for Academic Affairs

At its meeting on November 14, 2024, the University Senate approved Proposal 7-25, "Proposal to Shelve the Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics (EEM)." Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Proposal 7-25

Proposal to Shelve the Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics (EEM)

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September 17, 2024

There has been very little enrollment in the Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics (EEM) in the past ten years. With plans to add an Aerospace graduate program to the MAE department soon, the EEM program should be shelved.

1) Full name of the program to be shelved

Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics (EEM)

2) The final term program will be open for new admits.

The application portal for the EEM degree was closed during the summer 2024 semester, with the program to be shelved in Fall 2025.

3) Plan to complete all enrolled students and any returning students. For unshelving give an estimated enrollment.

At present, no individuals are enrolled in the EEM degree program. In August 2024, the final student in EEM consented to transfer to EME.

4) Reason for shelving or unshelving

Engineering Mechanics is a degree that is no longer in demand and is no longer recognized by many employers. Only four EEM degrees have been awarded since the 2017 academic year.

5) Financial impact (if any) to the department and university

The department and university will experience minimal consequences from shelving the EEM program. Eliminating oversight and assessment activities will improve administrative efficiency. Further, since so few students have enrolled in the program, shelving the degree will have minimal financial impact on the university.