PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES IN PROGRAM

____Undergraduate ___Masters _X_Ph.D. ___Certificate

Title of Program: Ph.D. In Electrical Engineering

Date of Submission: 9/23/2009

Brief Summary of Proposed Changes and Rationale (Attach additional information if needed)

The School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science requests to change the name of the **Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering** degree to **Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.** The School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science was formed in 1995 from the merger of the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The school currently generates 6 to 8 million dollars of funded research each year. Much of the school's scholarship and research activity involves aspects of both Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Hence, the proposed name change more accurately reflects the nature of the degree.

Since the merger in 1995, doctoral students with an interest in Computer Science or Computer Engineering have pursued and successfully completed the Ph.D. program in Electrical Engineering and have taken prestigious positions in government, education, and industry. Nevertheless, it has been difficult to recruit and retain students with an interest in Computer Science or Computer Engineering at the doctoral level because of the name of degree. This degree name change will make it easier to recruit and retain well-qualified doctoral students. No changes are being made to the degree requirements of the program as a result of this name change and no additional resources are needed.

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