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Dean's Review of the PPR Report Electrical Engineering

The PPR Report and the External Review Team Report for EE has been reviewed at the dean's level. Here are the findings and follow up activities:

1. **Faculty:** The research activities in electrical engineering have been minimal. There are two exceptions. One received a major education-oriented external grant from NSF. One senior professor has been active in research; he continues to be very productive. The research activities can only be increased with the addition of new faculty members.
2. **Curriculum:** Efforts are underway to remove undersubscribed courses that have been on the books for a long time. The new leadership is expected to focus on the consistency of quality of graduate level courses. EGEE 597 and EGEE598 courses are available to students. However, since the Review was conducted, the graduate enrollment has significantly increased. This is causing some stress in how project courses can be handled with existing faculty.
3. **Policies:** A written examination as a terminal activity is being contemplated in addition to the oral examination.

The electrical engineering program has undergone three leadership transitions since the review was conducted. It is expected that under the current leadership, there will be improvements.