Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Industrial Advisory Board
Tuesday, November 18, 2008
Meeting Agenda

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Kellogg Room, Engineering Laboratory II Building

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. IAB Update
  • Minutes from May ’08 meeting
    Paul Washburn &
    John Stuart

8:45 a.m. State of the Department
  • Hiring update
  • Strategy/Vision for the Department
    Mario Rotea

9:15 a.m. Resource Support for the Department
  • Need for industry support regarding financial resources
    o Start up costs for new faculty
    o Support for graduate fellowships
  • Making this a value proposition for industry partners
    John Stuart

10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Curriculum Changes
  • Discuss potential changes to curriculum due to 5 yr BS/MS proposals
    o Board feedback
  • 196A and 197A sequence to help retain students
  • Benchmarking
    o What are other schools doing?
    Paul Washburn &
    Jim Rinderle

11:00 a.m. Outreach Event
  • How many? Where?
    o Spring in CT
    o Fall in MA (Boston area)
  • Key topics
    o Spring – New Vision
  • Goals and Desired Outcomes
  • Identify Subcommittee to Plan Events
    John Stuart,
    Paula Sakey &
    Janine Sicks

11:30 a.m. Discuss ideas to get more undergraduates to become graduate students
  • Need to recruit from within undergraduate population
    Paul Washburn &
    Don Fisher

12:00 Adjourn