

STEP #7 (EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST)

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APPROVED: YES NO

IF NO, REASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

STUDENT CREDIT HOURS 3

FACULTY LOAD HOURS _____

EQUALIZED CREDIT HOURS _____

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DATE APPROVED COURSE DESCRIPTION RECEIVED 14 Mar 97

HESIS TAXONOMY AND COURSE NUMBER ASSIGNED 0908-553

DATE/SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR B. J. Kelley

NOTIFICATION FORWARD:

SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

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REGISTRAR

SPONSOR(S)

Course Proposal:

1. Details:

- a) Course Title: Earth Retaining Systems
- b) Sponsor: Dr. Ralph Alan Dusseau and School of Engineering Curriculum Committee
- c) Credit Hours: 3 credit hours
- d) Course Level: Graduate (0908.553)
- e) Curricular Effect: Elective course for civil engineering graduate students
- f) Prerequisites: Geotechnical Engineering or equivalent
- g) Suggested Time/
Scale of Implementation: One section during fall semesters

h) Resources

Faculty: A new civil engineering faculty member to be hired in the Fall of 1997 will teach this course.

Library: Library acquisitions will be required.

Equipment: Laboratory space and appropriate experimental equipment for advanced testing of soils and soil properties will be required.

Computers: Computer laboratory access will be required. Acquisition, training, and utilization of appropriate geotechnical engineering analysis software will be required.

2. Rationale:

The proposed course is the revised version of a course entitled "Geotechnical Engineering" which was part of the Engineering Curriculum approved by the College Senate in December 1994. The proposed course is consistent with the establishment of the School of Engineering approved by the Board of Trustees in February 1995.

The fundamental theme of the course is earth retaining

systems which are methods for permanently keeping soil in a specified configuration. The purpose of the course is to give civil engineering students working knowledge of the analysis and design of earth retaining systems including retaining walls and other retaining systems, and soil embankments and slopes.

3. Essence of the Course

a) Objectives:

Upon completion of the course, civil engineering students will be able to do the following:

Apply the principles of soil mechanics and utilize appropriate advanced geotechnical laboratory equipment and geotechnical engineering software to perform the following tasks:

Analyze lateral earth pressures

Analyze the stability of soil slopes

Design soil slopes

Analyze the stability of soil embankments

Design soil embankments

Analysis of soil friction

Apply the principles of soil mechanics and utilize appropriate geotechnical engineering software to analyze and design the following types of retaining systems:

Gravity retaining walls

Cantilever retaining walls

Soil nail systems

Geotechnical fabric systems

b) Topical Outline:

The topical outline of the course may vary to some extent depending on the interests of the instructor and the students, and on advances in geotechnical engineering technology. The topics to be covered will include the following:

Advanced Soil Mechanics:

Analysis of Lateral Earth Pressures

Analysis of Soil Slope Stability

Design of Soil Slopes

Analysis of Soil Embankment Stability

Design of Soil Embankments

Analysis of Soil Friction

Retaining Wall:

Analysis and Design Gravity Retaining Walls

Analysis and Design Cantilever Retaining Walls

Other Earth Retaining Systems:

Analysis and Design Soil Nail Systems

Analysis and Design Geotechnical Fabric Systems

c) Evaluation and Grading Procedure of Students:

Student grades will be based on individual examinations, individual homework, and team lab reports.

d) Course Evaluation:

The proposed course will be evaluated based on student evaluations and curriculum review by engineering faculty.

4. Results of Consultations:

The proposed course is the revised version of a course entitled "Geotechnical Engineering" which was part of the Engineering Curriculum approved by the College Senate in December 1994. Consultations were submitted with the original proposal as specified by the Curriculum Committee.

Catalog Description:

Earth Retaining Systems (0908.553)

(Prerequisites: Geotechnical Engineering or equivalent)

The fundamental theme of the course is earth retaining systems including advanced principles of soil mechanics and analysis and design of earth retaining systems. The advanced principles of soil mechanics covered include lateral soil pressure and slope stability. The analysis and design of earth retaining systems includes slopes, embankments, retaining walls, and other systems. The course includes appropriate laboratory experiments and computer applications