

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate

From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair

Date: May 6, 2021

Re: Approval of a request for a No-Contest Deactivation of the Master of Science in Engineering Management by the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences in conjunction with the Graduate College

On May 6, 2021, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee approved a request from the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences (CEMS) in conjunction with the Graduate College for a no-contest deactivation of the MS in Engineering Management (MS in EM). The proposal was approved by the CEMS curriculum committee, CEMS faculty, and Dean of CEMS, Linda Schadler as well as the Graduate College Executive Committee and Dean Cindy Forehand.

Established in 2018, the MS in EM is designed to provide professionals and engineering graduates additional training in engineering economics, business management, and engineering project management. The curriculum includes graduate-level courses offered by CEMS as well as the Grossman School of Business, and students have the option to complete a coursework only MS or a project-based MS. Undergraduates majoring in Engineering, Engineering Management, or Computer Science who meet the minimum GPA requirement can apply for the Accelerated Master's Program option.

Since its inauguration, the MS in EM has awarded two degrees. Three students were offered admission for AY 2020-2021, but none accepted. Only one student is currently enrolled in the program and will be able to complete their degree. The one faculty member associated with the MS in EM also plays an essential role in the BS in Engineering Management, which remains active. During the deactivation period (up to five years), the program plans to investigate potential options for increasing the success of a graduate program in Engineering Management.