To: Sarah Mangelsdorf, Provost
William Carpus, Dean, Graduate School

From: Ian Robertson, Dean
College of Engineering

Subject: Endorsement of the change in PhD minors in the Materials Science and the Materials Engineering graduate programs

Date: 28 October 2015

Dear Provost Mangelsdorf and Dean Carpus,

At its meeting on October 21, 2015 the College of Engineering Academic Policy Council reviewed and endorsed the request from the Department of Materials Science and Engineering for the following changes to the PhD minors in the Materials Science and the Materials Engineering graduate programs due to the merger of these two programs:

1. Discontinue the PhD minor in Materials Science (#632);

2. The PhD minor in Materials Engineering (#670) be renamed Materials Science and Engineering

I approve the proposed changes to the PhD minors in the Materials Science and the Materials Engineering graduate programs.

cc: Marty Gustafson
Jocelyn Milner
September 22, 2015

Dean Ian Robertson  
College of Engineering  
2620 Engineering Hall

Dear Dean Robertson:

As a follow up to the merger of the Materials Science and the Materials Engineering graduate programs this fall, I request on behalf of the Materials Science and Engineering faculty that the PhD minors be merged in the same way, effective immediately. The department voted to request the merger at a faculty meeting on Sept 22, 2015. Specifically, we request that:

1. the PhD minor in Materials Science (#632) be discontinued;
2. the PhD minor in Materials Engineering (#670) be renamed Materials Science and Engineering

We will adopt a set of requirements for a plan A minor, offered to students outside Materials Science and Engineering, as part of the graduate curriculum development exercise to be completed by January, 2016. We will continue to offer a plan B distributed minor to students inside Materials Science and Engineering. We will offer flexibility to current students outside the department pursuing a plan A minor during the transition period to complete the minor under the requirements of the current Materials Engineering curriculum (http://www.engr.wisc.edu/mse/mse-academics-graduate-minor.html) or under the new requirements to be adopted. Minors declared after January 2016 will follow the new Materials Science and Engineering requirements.

Sincerely,

Paul Voyles  
Professor and Director of Graduate Studies  
Materials Science and Engineering

cc: Stephen Robinson