Summary of Recommendations of 9/26/08 Engineering Advisory Council
College of Engineering & Applied Science

At the request of the members of the Engineering Advisory Council (EAC), a summary of key recommendations rather than a full report is provided below for the meeting of the Engineering Advisory Council held 26 September 2008 at the University of Colorado at Boulder. A posting of the presentation slides may be found at http://engineering.colorado.edu/overview/advisory_boards.htm.

1. For next meeting, develop an action plan to improve graduate recruiting, based on survey results and benchmarking of support promised by other schools, and consider a graduate honors program.

2. Consider partnering with President’s Leadership Class, rather than creating new engineering leadership program, and select students based on demonstrated leadership roles.

3. Pursuing a major international partnership will require building of relationships, a well-developed plan, and clear communication of objectives.

4. Consider forming a venture fund to provide seed funding for preparing business plans for startup companies spun off from faculty research, based on donor support and participation of the CU Foundation and CU Tech Transfer Office.

5. Seek to hire college representative in Washington, DC prior to next EAC meeting, with focus on networking with federal agencies.

6. Consider a possible restructuring of the EAC, so that development efforts involve all members and are integrated with programmatic discussions and planning.

The next three meetings of the EAC are scheduled for 4/24/09, 10/30/09, and 4/23/10. The 10/30/09 date is the day before the CU Homecoming, which will include reunion activities.