Minutes of the 4/2/2012 Meeting of the CU-Boulder
Engineering Advisory Council

Honor’s Designation: A document clarifying the requirements to complete the Engineering Honors Program and thus to graduate with honors was approved. However, it is requested that language be added to clarify that exceptions may be made to the residency requirement in Andrews Hall, such as for married or other nontraditional students. The designation of “graduation with honors” is separate from the conferral of Latin honors, which is based on grade-point average.

Dual Masters Degrees: The request of the Engineering Management Program to allow for dual Masters degrees with a total of 45 credit hours was approved. The first such proposal, for Master of Engineering degrees in Engineering Management and Mechanical Engineering, was approved.

International Engineering: The presentation and strategic plan presented on international engineering presented previously by Sherry Snyder was discussed. There are several components to our international programs, including international students coming to our college, global experiences for our students, faculty engagement in international teaching and research, international curricula for undergraduates, international graduate programs, and cooperative programs with international partners. Support was expressed for continuing to build international programs as part of our college’s strategic plan, though with focus on what we can do best. In particular, a desire was expressed that we invest in international graduate programs, including admissions, research, and partnerships. Mike noted that ITP has been particularly successful at purposeful international recruiting of graduate students. He also said that faculty members do not need grants to attend conferences. Keith noted that we have lots of individual efforts, but strategic investment in building key partnerships is needed, including overcoming hurdles at the campus level. It was recommended that Sherry continue her efforts on international undergraduate programs, while someone else focus on graduate programs. Jackie suggested that we benchmark what other schools have done in building international programs, noting that some schools are further along.

Blue Ribbon Committees – Rob will launch the committees in May, with much of the work to be done in summer. Additional members will be solicited from program directors and current/former FLAG members.

Brief Items – Faculty and exempt evaluations are due 4/5/2012. FRPA data should be corrected where needed. Two common errors are (1) including papers in press under the category of papers published in 2011, and (2) including master’s projects under PhD dissertation and MS thesis students. Noah Finkelstein will come to the May 7 Admin Council meeting to discuss the proposed Center for STEM Learning.

In Attendance: Rob Davis, JoAnn Zelasko, Jackie Sullivan, Mary Steiner, Jeff Sczechowski, Kurt Maute, Jeff Forbes, Dan Schwartz, Jim Martin, Keith Molenaar, Mike Lightner, Victor Bright