

MEMORANDUM

TO: Graduate Council

FROM: William P. Osborne, Dean

SUBJECT: Funding of BME Program

DATE: February 8, 2007

As we discussed in a recent review with the executive committee of the Graduate Council, the proposal from the College of Engineering for a MS program in biomedical Engineering will require approximately \$366,000 of additional annual funding in year three of our implementation and beyond. These funds are needed for three additional faculty members, a program coordinator (part-time), and lab equipment. The College had asked for these resources from internal reallocation. In particular, we had great confidence this program could compete well in the FHI and most of these funds would be available from that effort. However, we have all become very aware that the University's budget is in serious difficulty and the FHI may be no more.

This memo is being written to assure the Graduate Council that the College of Engineering will find the \$366,000 required for this program through re-allocation within the College in the event there is no outside monies available from the University in the next three years. We have, in fact, already started this change by redefining one of the existing openings in ECE to a BME hire. I am very happy to announce that a female candidate from Duke, Ada Chen, has accepted this position.