

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Date: 3 March 2008

To: Eamonn Callan, Chair
XL Senate of the Academic Council

From: Philip Lavori, Chair, Committee on Graduate Studies

Re: Recommendation to Authorize two Joint Degree Programs:
(1) Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and JD Degree in the School of Law
(2) Master of Science Degree in Computer Science and JD Degree in the School of Law.

The Committee on Graduate Studies initially heard the proposals for both of these joint degree programs on November 29, 2007. Discussion continued at the C-GS meeting of February 7, 2008, and at that time the Committee voted to approve the proposals. As both programs contain the same elements (units required, maximum units of overlap, admissions policies, etc.), it is sensible to bring them forward in one request.

The Law School, the Department of Computer Science, and the Department of Electrical Engineering have all seen considerable student interest expressed in establishing joint degree programs. Computer Science, e.g., receives frequent requests for expert witnesses in legal proceedings, so students can obtain experience in both Law and CS, gaining knowledge in areas such as privacy, online security, and intellectual property issues.

A description of each program is attached. In either program, no more than 30 semester (45 quarter) hours of approved courses may be counted toward both degrees. In any event, no more than 24 semester (36 quarter) hours of courses that originate outside the Law School may count toward the law degree.

The Committee on Graduate Studies therefore recommends the approval of (1) the joint degree program consisting of the MS degree in Electrical Engineering and the JD degree in the School of Law, and (2) the MS in Computer Science and the JD degree in the School of Law. As with all previous joint degree program recommendations, the C-GS recommendation for both programs is for an initial period of three years, September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2012.

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
RECOMMENDATION FOR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS:
COMPUTER SCIENCE (MS) and JD (LAW)
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (MS) AND JD (LAW)**

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PROPOSAL FOR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM:

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