

PROGRESS REPORT

Working Group Name: Technology Management Degree to ETID

Working Group #: 19B

Chair: NK Anand and Ed Pierson

Date: February 23, 2022

Update on Actions Taken Since Last Report:

The Working Group has worked on several fronts: i) Status of the current and incoming faculty, ii) Status of support staff, i.e. advising, iii) Degree structure and potential revisions, iv) Space and scheduling. On Item i, the decision has been reached to transition the two current tenure-track faculty to ETID and providing mechanisms for their professional development. The sole incoming faculty is being jointly selected from among the three candidates that have interviewed. On Item ii, the decision has been made to move an advisor from HRD to ETID to support the current students. On Item iii, the current degree program will remain as is while work on a revised BA degree is in progress. That degree would not become official until Fall 2023. On Item iv, the decision has been made to keep the schedule of classes for Summer and Fall 2022 and utilize the same spaces used to teach the TCMG courses for the foreseeable future.

Next Major Issue to be Addressed:

Completion of a document that details the role and responsibilities of the current faculty who transition to ETID. Similarly, a decision to offer a position to one of the prospective faculty members is pending. Finally, the work on the revised degree program, although not impacting the current students, is in progress.

Problems or Barriers Encountered and Solutions Identified:

Transition of faculty was considered a barrier but it has been resolved. The decision to offer a position to one of the three interviewed candidates remains an open issue but is expected to be resolved shortly. The modifications to the degree are in process. Depending on certain University procedural matters, the actual transition of the degree and the creation of the revision may extend beyond September 1, 2022.

Deliverables Completed:

In process but not completed. See the timelines below.

Timeline for Completion of Remaining Deliverables:

Finalize the status of current faculty: March 1

Finalize the offer to new faculty: March 15

Transition the staff advisor to ETID: June 1

Degree transition/revision: TBD
Notes from the 2/18/22 Meeting

- Survey will be sent out the week of Feb 21st after all suggestions are received.
- Communication plan
 - Letters to current students have been prepared and are under review by the workgroup.
 - A second letter will be created for future / admitted students to keep them informed
- David Sweeny has a listing for 275 of our former students that shows where they are working today. A key point of hiring is internal TAMU teams.
- We should look at the list of employers and see if a survey could be sent to them to determine areas that would enhance the students we produce.
- Adam / David have reviewed several possible cyber security offerings based on the salary data that David has for our graduates that show those with Cyber certificates earn a significantly larger salary.