

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
UDC RESOLUTION 2020 –**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN ACCELERATED BACHELOR’S/MASTER’S IN
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees is authorized to establish or approve policies and procedures governing admissions, curricula, programs, graduation, the awarding of degrees, and general policy making for the components of the University; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §308.1, new associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree programs may be added to the University curricula upon recommendation by the Faculty Senate and the President and after approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Accelerated Bachelor’s/Master’s (BS/MS) Program in Mechanical Engineering supports the mission of both the University of the District of Columbia and the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS); and

WHEREAS, implementation of the accelerated BS/MS program will permit students enrolled in the academic BS program in Mechanical Engineering to apply and be admitted to their respective master of science-level program, while completing their BS degree; and

WHEREAS, the BS level students, upon approval by the graduate program director and the respective department chairs, will be permitted to enroll in up to 9 graduate credit hours (at the undergraduate tuition rate), which will simultaneously satisfy degree requirements for both their undergraduate and graduate programs; and

WHEREAS, SEAS undergraduate students who are accepted to graduate programs (based on admissions through the accelerated BS/MS program guidelines) will be granted an exception to the provisions in the University Academic Policies and Procedures Manual which limit undergraduate students’ enrollment in graduate courses to six (6) credit hours and require them to pay graduate tuition rates (if these courses are subsequently applied to a graduate program); and

WHEREAS, the accelerated BS/MS program will benefit students by reducing the time and cost required to attain the MS degree in Mechanical Engineering and increasing their attractiveness to local and national employers; and

WHEREAS, the accelerated bachelor’s/master’s program will enhance the marketability of the Mechanical Engineering graduate programs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Accelerated BS/MS in Mechanical Engineering program has been approved by all required levels of the faculty and administration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the implementation of the Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's in Mechanical Engineering Program in accordance with the attached proposal, provided that the funds required to implement the program shall not be obligated until they have been identified and reprogrammed within existing University resources.

Submitted by the Academic & Student Affairs Committee:

May 20, 2020

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

June 16, 2020

Christopher D. Bell
Chairperson of the Board