


Date: March 9, 2020

To: Cathy Sandeen, Chancellor

From: John Stalvey, Interim Provost 

Cc: Kenrick Mock, Interim Dean, College of Engineering  
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Re: **AY20 Expedited Program Review Findings – Mechanical Engineering BS/MS**

I have reviewed the dean's findings and the completed Expedited Program Review Template for the Mechanical Engineering BS/MS. The Provost's Office did not receive an Optional Program Response Form from the program.

### **Recommendations**

My recommendation is to accept the decision and recommendations of the dean with the additional commentary to change the recommendation for the MS to continued review. The MS needs to schedule graduate courses to accommodate the schedules of working professionals. For example, the program might be able to recruit more students from the professional community if it offers more evening courses. The BS should reduce the number of upper-division electives offered each semester to increase the number of students per course. Separate interim progress reports on all recommendations are due to the dean by March 1, 2021. The dean will submit a review along with the program's interim progress report to the provost by April 1, 2021. For the BS, unless otherwise noted at that time, the next Program Review will be included in the regular ongoing program review schedule. For the MS, a follow-up Program Review will be conducted in AY22.

### **Decision**

Recommend Continuation for the BS  
Recommend Continued Review for the MS