

**Southeastern Association of Electrical Engineering Department Heads  
Fall 2001 Meeting, November 1-2, 2001  
Renaissance Atlanta Hotel-Downtown  
590 W Peachtree Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Aaron S. Collins	Mercer University
Alan H. Marshak	Louisiana State University
Ashok Iyer	Virginia Commonwealth University
Babajide O. Famaloni	The University of Memphis
Elias K. Stefanakos	University of South Florida
Gregg L. Vaughn	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Harold "Bud" Askins	The Citadel
John C. Kelly, Jr.	North Carolina A&T State University
John R. Hauser	N. C. State University
Lloyd "Pete" A. Morley	The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa)
Marshall Molen	Mississippi State University
Mickey D. Cox	Louisiana Tech University
Mohammad S. Alam	University of South Alabama
P. K. Rajan	Tennessee Technological University
Paul S. Devgan	Tennessee State University
Reginald J. Perry	Florida A&M University & Florida State University
Reza Adhami	University of Alabama at Huntsville
Robert J. Trew	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Roger P. Webb	Georgia Institute of Technology
Russell E. Trahan, Jr.	University of New Orleans
Stephen A. Zahorian	Old Dominion University
Vijay P. Singh	University of Kentucky

**Program**

At the dinner Thursday night SAEEDH presented Alan Marshak a Service Award for "Exemplary service in establishing SCEEE as a continuing resource for southeastern electrical engineering education."

The dinner was followed by a presentation by Dr. Joe Boland, Director of Distance Learning at Georgia Tech, Titled: "Why and How of Online Programs"

The Friday morning program included two sessions

**ABET 2000 and after**

Presentations were made by:

Dr. Russell E. Trahan, University of New Orleans  
 Dr. Gregg L. Vaughn, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
 Dr. Marshall Molen, Mississippi State University

**Graduate Program Issues**

Presentations were made by:

Dr. Stephen Zahorian, Old Dominion University  
 Dr. Lee Stefanakos, University of South Florida

**Business Meeting**

1. Fall 2000 minutes were approved.
2. There was a discussion regarding change of name to reflect Computer Engineering, but it was decided that this was not required at this point in time.
3. Election of Officers: President: Steve Zahorian; Vice President: Ashok Iyer, and Secretary /Treasurer, Babajide O. Famaloni.
4. Twenty-two attendees paid the registration fee of \$100.
5. Thanks were expressed to Roger Webb and Georgia Tech for hosting the reception.
6. Thanks were expressed to SCEEE for sponsoring breakfast.
7. It was voted that a subcommittee Consisting of Dr. Roger Webb, Dr. Greg Vaughn and Dr. Russell Trahan, will draft a position statement to be sent to IEEE and ECEDHA concerning the inconsistencies ABET process addressing areas including evaluators, definitions and process. This statement will be sent to all members for final email approval.
8. Plans for 2002 meeting: October 31, Nov 1, 2002 in Atlanta at Renaissance Atlanta Hotel-Downtown

**SAEEDH Survey – November 2001**

<b>Total members participating in survey</b>	<b>22</b>			
Starting salary (for Ph.D. granting schools)	\$54-59, <b>2</b>	\$60-64, <b>10</b>	\$65-69, <b>8</b>	
Starting salary (for non Ph.D. granting schools)	\$54-59, <b>2</b>			
Faculty vacancies	None, <b>1</b>	One, <b>6</b>	Two, <b>4</b>	Three, <b>2</b>
	>Three, <b>7</b>			
% of research overhead returned to EE dept.	None, <b>2</b>	1-9%, <b>3</b>	10-19%, <b>5</b>	20-29%, <b>3</b>
	>40% <b>2</b>			
Undergrad. EE enrollment	Up, <b>11</b>	Same, <b>9</b>	Down, <b>2</b>	
Undergrad. CpE enrollment	Up, <b>16</b>	Same, <b>0</b>	Down, <b>0</b>	
Graduate enrollment	Up, <b>13</b>	Same, <b>5</b>	Down, <b>0</b>	
Monthly stipend for entering Grad. Students (for schools which grant tuition waivers)	<\$1000, <b>4</b>	\$1001-1200, <b>5</b>	>\$1200, <b>4</b>	
Monthly stipend for entering Grad. Students (for schools which don't grant tuition waivers)	<\$1000, <b>0</b>	\$1001-1200, <b>1</b>	>\$1200, <b>1</b>	
FE Exam requirement	Not required, <b>15</b>	Students must take exam, <b>5</b>	Students must pass exam, <b>0</b>	

Percentage buy out returned to department	100%: <b>12</b>	80 to 99%: <b>3</b>	60 to 79%: <b>3</b>	<60%: <b>3</b>
Combined BS/MS programs	<b>7</b>			

**Masters Programs Survey at the request of Dr. John Kelly(North Carolina A&T University**

<b>Hours to Complete</b>				
Thesis option	>30: <b>1</b>	<30: <b>0</b>	=30: <b>21</b>	
Project Option	>33: <b>1</b>	<33: <b>1</b>	=30: <b>20</b>	
Course Only	>36: <b>0</b>	<36: <b>7</b>	=36: <b>4</b>	
<b>Percentage Students in each option</b>	0-25%	25%-50%	50*-75%	100%
Thesis option	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
Project Option	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Course Only	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Percentage MS Students funded</b>	0-25%	25%-50%	50*-75%	100%
	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Average time to completion</b>	1.5years	2 years	2.5years	
	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Allows Double Counting of Credits between BS and MS programs</b>	<b>5</b>			

**GRADUATE STUDENT WAIVERS SURVEY**

This survey was conducted by Lee Stefanakos, University of South Florida, during the session on Graduate Program Issues.

<u>Question</u>	<u>Universities</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
All teaching assistants are considered in-state. The contract/grant provides the in-state portion.	11	3
Same question for Research Assistants	8	4
<b><u>University provides full in-state and out-of-state tuition waivers for:</u></b>		
Teaching Assistants:	11	4
Research Assistants:	1	14
University provides the in-state and contract/grant provides the out-of-state portion.	0	
Contract/grant provides both in-state and out-of-state.	7	2
Other arrangement.		

**NON RESIDENT PROFESSOR**

	<u>Preparation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
University responsible for H-1 Visa	14	0
University responsible for Green Card.	0	0