

ACTION ITEM #12(a)
Extension of Bachelor's Degree
(Erica Weintraub Austin)

May 6, 2016

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Extension of Bachelor's Degree

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve extension of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering to the Olympic College in Bremerton

SUBMITTED BY: Erica Weintraub Austin, Interim Co-Provost

SUPPORTING
INFORMATION:

The Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture proposes to extend its Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering (EE) to the Olympic College in Bremerton as an extension of the EE program in Pullman. The program will be identical to the one now existing in Everett at the University Center of North Puget Sound. The method of delivery will be live classroom instruction with fulltime and adjunct WSU faculty located in Bremerton as well as AMS classes delivered by WSU faculty from Pullman. Laboratories will be conducted in Bremerton or in compressed format during the summer in Pullman.

The rationale is a) that there is significant student and industry demand for EE in Bremerton and b) that the new program was stipulated and funded by the Washington legislature.

WSU will cooperate with Olympic College in a manner identical to the existing cooperation that has been in place with the Mechanical Engineering program for the last five years.

At the October 22, 2015 meeting of the Catalog Subcommittee, the proposal from the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture to extend the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering to the Bremerton at Olympic College was reviewed and approved. The existing curriculum will be extended and administered by Global Campus, with an effective date of fall 2016. This recommendation was passed by the Faculty Senate on January 28, 2016.