THE FACULTY SENATE

October 22, 1996

Dr. Ray M. Bowen
President
Texas A&M University

Dear President Bowen:

At its regular meeting held October 14, 1996, the Faculty Senate considered and approved the following proposals from the University Curriculum Committee:

Nonsubstantive Requests: Change in Name of Department
from: Department of Engineering Technology
to: Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution

Enclosed is the document considered by the Senate. Please inform me of your decision on this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Steven M. Oberhelman
Speaker, 1996-97

pc: Dr. Ronald G. Douglas, Executive Vice President & Provost
Dr. R. Bruce Simpson, Chair, Curriculum Committee
Ms. Linda F. Lacey, Director, Academic Services

APPROVED DATE

Ray M. Bowen 10-31-96
Report of the University Curriculum Committee  
September 13, 1996

The University Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the following:

Nonsubstantive Request

Change in Name of Department
from: Department of Engineering Technology
to: Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution
Nonsubstantive Administrative Change Request

NAME OF INSTITUTION  Texas A&M University

CHANGE REQUEST Departmental name change FROM The Department of Engineering Technology TO The Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution

Display how administrative unit(s) and program(s) would appear on the Coordinating Board program inventory; include Texas CIP code designation(s). Administrative Unit codes will be supplied.

ENTC - 15.1101.00  IDIS - 08.0706.01

Proposed date for implementation of administrative change  1/1/97

Person to be contacted for further information about administrative change(s):

Name:  Dr. John A. Weese  Title:  Professor and Head
Phone:  409/845-4901  FAX:  409/847-9396

Signatures:

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Campus Chief Executive Officer  Date

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System Chief Executive Officer  (as appropriate)  Date

Governing Board approval date:  ____________________________
NONSUBSTANTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE REQUEST

1. Describe briefly the change requested.

The Department of Engineering Technology requests its name be changed to The Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution.

2. Provide a rationale for the proposed change.

The rationale for the proposed departmental name change includes: (1) Industrial Distribution accounts for more than half of the majors in the department; (2) the Industrial Distribution program is well known nationally and internationally and deserves recognition by being included in the name of the department; and (3) changing the name will promote further integration of the engineering technology and industrial distribution faculty.

During faculty and student discussions, there were cogent arguments put forth that The Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution was a preferable title because it seemed to remove a possible misconception that the department offered "Engineering Distribution" and there was some feeling that "Distribution" alone was less well understood than "Industrial Distribution".

The title of the degree program is Industrial Distribution and it is by that name that the program has achieved wide recognition. These factors, together with the feeling expressed by faculty and students, mitigate in favor of the name change to Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution.

3. Include an assessment of its effect on the administrative unit(s) involved and on the institution as a whole. If a unit is being renamed, will program names need to be changed? If so, submit a separate nonsubstantive program request for each change.

The proposed name change will not effect other administrative units within the College of Engineering, nor will it effect Texas A&M University as a whole.

4. Summarize implications for classes, distribution of personnel, availability of facilities, and availability of equipment.

The names of the Baccalaureate degree programs will remain the same (the department does not offer graduate degree programs). Additionally, it will not be necessary to change the present designation of departmental courses, i.e., the use of ENTC and IDIS. To provide clearer identification of Industrial Distribution courses, the IDIS designation was adopted several years ago. At the same time, the indexing of the catalog was improved so that it was easier to locate the Industrial Distribution curriculum and its courses.
The proposed name change will not require additional personnel. Existing facilities, including laboratories and equipment, meet departmental needs.

5. Give information regarding any additional costs or savings.

There are no additional costs or savings anticipated as a result of this proposed name change.