

# ASEE



## American Society for Engineering Education

### Resolution of the American Society for Engineering Education Engineering Deans Council

Regarding Removing the Current Prohibition on Dual Level Accreditation.

The Engineering Deans Council has many concerns about the proposed changes, including:

1. Just as universities now understand the market advantage of offering accredited programs over non-accredited programs, these same market forces would dictate accreditation at both the Bachelors and the Masters level if available.
2. Discipline-specific accreditation at the Masters level discourages and puts undesirable restrictions on interdisciplinary breadth so often pursued in many Masters Programs.
3. Masters level accreditation would potentially restrict the opportunity for admission of international graduate students and students with non-engineering undergraduate degrees.

Therefore, the Engineering Deans Council does not support removal of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology restriction on Dual Level Accreditation until further study and dialogue can occur between the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology and the Engineering Deans Council of the American Society for Engineering Education.

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