Members Present: Professors Wills (Chair), Anderson, Curras, Deis, Jadaan, Peckham, Snoek-Brown, Trewin, Thrun, and Young; Associate Vice Chancellor Van Buren

Professor Wills called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. in the Council's chambers in Brigham Hall.

She recognized Associate Vice Chancellor Van Buren, who discussed with the Council the findings contained in the final accreditation report on the university prepared by the Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association. While noting with pride the Commission's praise for most aspects of the university's academic operations, he also pointed out its several recommendations regarding possible improvements in those programs over the next several years. Members of the Council expressed their thanks to Dr. Van Buren for his lucid and very helpful report.

Professor Wills next called up for consideration the last draft of the Council's Summary Report on the Review of the Environmental Engineering Program. After careful scrutiny of this draft, members voted unanimously (on the motion of Professor Jadaan, seconded by Professor Thrun) to APPROVE its entry into the Council's official records.

Similar action was next taken (on the motion of Professor Trewin, seconded by Professor Thrun) on the last draft of the Council's Summary Report on the Review of the Civil Engineering Program.

Professor Wills recognized Professor Joe Clifton of the Computer Science and Software Engineering Department, who ably presented the report to the Council on the state of that unit's academic programs. Professor Clifton's comments drew a number of questions from members of the Council, his answers to which showed once again the extensive knowledge and acumen for which he is well known on campus. At the end of this discussion Professor Wills, speaking for the entire Council, thanked Professor Clifton for an exemplary report.

On the motion of Professor Jadaan (seconded by Professor Curras), the Council passed on to the chancellor a strong recommendation that the academic program of Software Engineering be continued.

Professor Wills recognized Professor Jadaan, who presented the first reading of a proposal for a minor program in micro systems and nanotechnology in Department of General Engineering. Discussion focused on whether this program should be called a minor or whether it is more appropriate to call it an emphasis. There was also discussion about the number of elective credits that should be counted in a student's major toward the program. These issues should be discussed by the faculty proposing this program and will be revisited at the second reading.

Professor Wills declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.