

To: WSU Design Engineering Technology (MFET) Program Faculty and Staff

From: Dean David L. Ferro

Re: Dean's Response to MFET Self-Study, Reviewers' Report, and MFET Program's Response to Utah Review

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Thank you all for your many contributions to WSU's MFET Review process. All MFET faculty members as well as others in the Engineering Technology (ET) department, especially the chair, Rick Orr, as well as COAST/EAST's former dean, Warren Hill, participated in various stages of this review, and I am grateful to you for your thoughtfulness and thoroughness in addressing concerns of importance to the program, department, college, and university.

Like the writers of the Review Report, I would characterize the program as very effective in meeting the missions of the parent units. Faculty members have been sensitive to changes in their discipline areas and have revised curriculum to keep up with those changes. They have been supportive of co-curricular activities, internships, community-engaged learning, new tools, and collaborative multidisciplinary projects. The faculty have kept up-to-date vis-à-vis industry.

I am proud of the assessment plan of the program. I also agree that opportunities for presentation (even more than currently created) and project management are important. I also believe that the Faculty workload is too high and will work with the chair to address this going forward. I also believe that student projects – on average - should be more closely connected to industry needs.

WSU's MFET program is healthy. It has taken many positive steps to remain so. Its next steps will carry it yet farther along a road to success for students, faculty, and staff.

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