

## **School of Engineering**

### **Resolution:**

Be it resolved that Brown University will create a School of Engineering. This School of Engineering will be the new name of the current Division of Engineering. The creation of this school will not change the way in which undergraduate engineering students are admitted to Brown or the freedom that they currently have to consider engineering as one of many concentration options at Brown. Faculty appointments and promotions will continue to be approved by TPAC, following the standard processes used in all departments. Graduate admissions would continue to be processed by the University's Graduate School.

### **Explanation:**

Following consideration of the Division of Engineering's proposal to become a School of Engineering, the Academic Priorities Committee [APC] proposes to the faculty that Brown transform its Division of Engineering into a School of Engineering. The APC proposal to the Faculty comprises the following key points:

- Adoption of the resolution will result in a recommendation to the Brown Corporation that the Division of Engineering be transformed into a School of Engineering.
- The school will not change the basic fabric of engineering education at Brown. Undergraduate admission to Brown will still be managed by the College Admission Office and undergraduate students will be able to move freely in and out of Engineering. Graduate admissions will continue to be administered through the office of the Dean of the Graduate School. Steps will be taken to ensure that the move to school status increases rather than impedes faculty and student teaching and research collaborations between Engineering and the rest of the University.
- Faculty appointments, promotions and tenure decisions in Engineering will still go through the TPAC process.
- An international search will be undertaken to select a new Dean of Engineering. It is expected that this person will help shape many of the details of the plan going forward. The new Dean will also have three critical responsibilities: to increase diversity among engineering faculty and students, to help raise the necessary funds to accomplish any faculty expansion and to provide new space, and to work closely with other departments and centers at Brown so that the activities built in engineering, especially around any particular research thrusts, are fully integrated into and supportive of ongoing activities in these areas outside of engineering at Brown.
- Future growth of the School of Engineering, including faculty hiring and space, will only occur as funds are raised through a combination of increased philanthropy, increased sponsored research support, or revenue enhancing programs.
- Planning for additional space to accommodate possible growth in Engineering will also aim to increase laboratory and other space for related areas in the physical sciences.

- The reporting structure of the Dean of Engineering will be determined at a later date and may evolve over time.
- The resolution does not commit the University to any of the details or the budget contained in the proposal formulated by the Division of Engineering (the proposal submitted by the Division of Engineering is available at <http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Provost/proposed/SOE%20Proposal%20Final2.pdf>)