

April 19, 2024

To: Nancy Allbritton, Frank & Julie Jungers Dean of the College of Engineering

From: Joy Williamson-Lott, Dean of the Graduate School 
Kima Cargill, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Graduate School 

RE: Review of the William E. Boeing Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics (2023 – 2024)

This memorandum outlines the Graduate School's final recommendations from the William E. Boeing Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics (A&A) academic program review. Detailed comments on the review can be found in the documents that were part of the following formal review proceedings:

- Charge meeting between review committee and administrators (June 27, 2023)
- Self-Study (September 11, 2023)
- Site visit (October 23-24, 2023)
- Review committee report (November 17, 2023)
- A&A response to the report (December 20, 2023)
- Graduate School Council consideration of review (March 7, 2024)

The review committee consisted of:

- **Laura N. Lowes**, Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Washington (committee chair)
- **David J. Perkel**, Professor, Department of Biology, University of Washington
- **Ella Atkins**, Professor, Fred D. Durham Chair in Engineering and Department Head, Kevin T. Crofton Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, Virginia Tech
- **Penina Axelrad**, Joseph T. Negler Professor, Ann and H.J. Smead Aerospace Engineering Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder

The Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics offers the following degree programs:

- Minor in Aeronautics and Astronautics
- Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering (BSAAE)
- Master of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics (MSAA)
- Master of Aerospace Engineering (MAE)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Aeronautics and Astronautics (PhD)

Nancy Allbritton, Dean of the College of Engineering and Kristi Morgansen, Professor and Chair of the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics attended a Graduate School Council meeting to discuss outcomes from the review. The Council reviewed all documents from the review prior to the meeting.

Graduate School Council Recommendations

The Graduate School Council commends the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics on the strength of its programs, faculty, and students. After discussion, the Council recommended the following:

- Full academic program review in 10 years (2033-2034)

We concur with the Council's recommendations.

cc: Tricia Serio, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
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