TO: Richard Koubek, President

FROM: Jason Blough, Chair
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DATE: February 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Departmental Name Change

The Department of Mechanical Engineering-Engineering Mechanics proposes to change the name of the department to the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

This department name change is proposed because the ME-EM department is proposing to add an aerospace engineering bachelor's degree to its degree offerings. It is anticipated that this degree will become one of the more popular degrees offered at MTU and is therefore appropriate that it be housed in a department bearing Aerospace Engineering as a portion of its name.

The department will propose, in the near future, to remove the Engineering Mechanics master’s degree from its offerings since the degree has had very few students over the last 10+ years. Currently, enrollment is two students which is the highest it has been for several years. The PhD degree offered by the ME-EM department is a PhD in Mechanical Engineering-Engineering Mechanics. It is anticipated that at some point in the future, the department’s PhD degree will become a PhD in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering when a graduate program is instituted to complement the bachelor’s in aerospace engineering. It thus becomes apparent, that it is appropriate to change the name of the department to showcase and support the degrees and activities of the department to the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from the Department of Mechanical Engineering-Engineering Mechanics.

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