TO:  Academic Senate
FROM:  Committee on Instruction and Curriculum
SUBJECT:  Proposed New Certificate in Quality Management
PURPOSE:  For Action by the Academic Senate
ACTION REQUESTED:  That the Academic Senate Approve the Attached New Certificate in Quality Management; Effective Fall Quarter, 2005

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:  The Department of Engineering sees a great need for a Certificate program in Quality Management. This proposed program is seen as a way for engineers and scientists working in the field to learn the basics of quality management and quality improvement techniques in order to broaden their careers. This certificate will also make current students of engineering and the sciences more attractive to future employers.

CIC reviewed the proposal with Saeid Motavalli, the Chair of the Engineering Department, at its regular meeting of April 5, 2004. Dr. Motavalli explained that a Certificate of this kind could draw students from other majors, such as Statistics and Business, because of the courses offered through those departments.

The Engineering Department is working on a proposal for an M.S. in Engineering, for which these graduate courses would prove useful. Meanwhile, all but one of them will be tiered with undergraduate courses of the same name.

There was no substantive disagreement with the proposal, which was approved by a vote of 10-0 with no abstentions.

Attachment