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CSAC into ABET”

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Recent Experiences with Dual Accreditation

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Context

- part of OSU engineering college's ABET general review
- largest ABET team of any univ.
- CSAB team added to this size
- only CSE program evaluated
- CE program in EE also evaluated
- 2000 criteria used

Pre-visit

- mainly ABET self-study
- CSAB has supplemental questionnaire to get info to deal with criteria differences
 - questionnaire focuses on curriculum issues
 - some criteria differences not covered in questionnaire (curriculum and otherwise)
- great communication with CSAB

Visit

- team: CSAB team chair, ABET evaluator, CSAB evaluator
- ABET team chair doesn't spend time with program
- same ABET program evaluator for CSE and CE
- requirements on site caused no special ABET vs CSAB problems

Post visit

- supplementary material provided to team based on exit interview concerns
- preliminary statement from CSAB very detailed
- ABET program information very sparse (but no deficiencies, weaknesses or concerns from ABET)
- continued good communication with team chair after visit to clarify information

Criteria integration

- effort begun June 2000
- Bailes, Bauer, Schwarz, Varanasi, Zweben (chair)
- goal is to align criteria as much as possible
- progress report for July ABET/CSAB meetings
- final report October 2000