



## *Academic Senate*

### **GRADUATE COUNCIL**

April 23, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Viji Santhakumar, Chair  
Graduate Council

**RE: [Campus Review] (Proposal) Combined B.S./M.S. Five-Year Degree Program in Robotics**

Graduate Council reviewed the proposal for a Combined BS+MS Five-Year Degree Program in Robotics at their April 16, 2026 meeting. On page 2 of the proposal, the second bullet point should include the updated language approved by CCGA regarding the percentage of double counting that is allowable so that it matches what is in the proposed catalog entry. The Council was also concerned with the advising structure for the MS students, especially given that this is an interdepartmental program. Advising students in interdepartmental programs has been raised often as a concern in previous program reviews. The Council suggests having a designated advisor for the MS portion of the program. The Council would also like to see any program specific additional resources defined in the proposal.