



Mervin S. Coover

**Department Chair, 1935-1954; Associate Dean, 1956-57;
Acting Dean, 1958-59**

Mervin S. Coover served as department chair of Electrical Engineering at Iowa State College from 1935-1954. He served in World War I, and during World War II, he oversaw ISU's Electrical Naval Training School. Coover was the associate dean of the College of Engineering from 1956-57 and the acting dean of the College of Engineering from 1958-59. He oversaw ISU's merger of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE) and the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE) and was instrumental in the 1963 national merger of AIEE and IRE into what is now IEEE. To honor his service and dedication to the university, the Electrical Engineering Building was renamed Coover Hall in 1969.

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