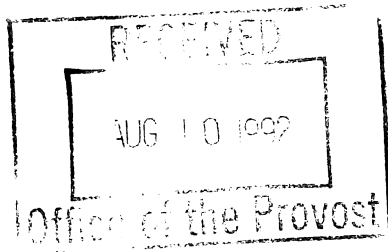# COMPUTING SCIENCES ACCREDITATION BOARD, INC.

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Computer Science Accreditation Commission

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Office of the Provost

July 16, 1992

Provost James Coffman
Kansas State University
Anderson Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

Dear Provost Coffman:

The Computer Science Accreditation Commission (CSAC) of the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB) met on June 26-28, 1992, to act on the accreditation reviews conducted during the 1991-92 academic year. The computer science program that you submitted to CSAC for evaluation has been accredited for a period of 3 years (3V). Details concerning the applicable CSAC/CSAB policies, and a confidential final statement are enclosed.

The CSAC action on your program takes into account the information that was submitted in your response to the Preliminary Statement for Review and Comment. The chairperson of your evaluation team presented an analysis of this response to the entire Commission, and after thorough discussion, CSAC reached the decision that we are pleased to report to you in this letter.

The policy of CSAB is that CSAC grant accreditation for a limited number of years. The length of the accreditation term is not to be publicly disclosed, because it is not an indication of program quality and may be misunderstood. When CSAC restricts the term of accreditation, this action is based upon observed and reported conditions that are susceptible to change within the term provided. Continuation of accreditation beyond the term provided requires a re-evaluation of the program at the request of the institution.

The enclosed Final Statement discusses the findings that are the basis for the action of the Commission. It was developed from the Preliminary Statement that you previously reviewed, with the addition of specific sections that (1) address your earlier response and pertinent changes since the visit, and (2) summarize the conclusions of the Commission.
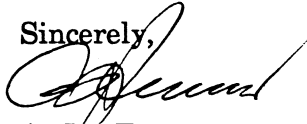
Your institution's program will be listed among the 107 computer science programs currently accredited by CSAC. These programs will be listed in the forthcoming CSAB Annual Report, and in a public announcement of all CSAC-accredited programs. These news releases are sent to The Chronicle of Higher Education, computing professional journals, the education editors of various popular publications, major newspapers, to other accrediting bodies, the U.S. Department of Education, the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA), colleges and universities, selected secondary schools, and to corporate recruitment personnel.

Speaking for our officers, team chairpersons, and program evaluators, I appreciate your interest in computer science education, and the efforts of your faculty and staff to secure the accreditation of your computer science program. Please accept our best wishes and congratulations.

Sincerely,

A. Joe Turner
President

Enclosures: Final Statement
Official Information
Public Release Policy
CSAC Criteria
CSAC Accreditation Provisions

cc: Marvin Kaiser, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
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Name of Institution: **Kansas State University**

Term Of Accreditation
Accreditation will continue through September 30, 1995, starting with graduates during the 1991-92 academic year.

Reaccreditation
Accreditation of the program beyond the current period requires a formal request, by January 31, 1994, for a reevaluation of the program. A self-study will again be due by June 1, 1994, in preparation for the reaccreditation visit in the fall of 1994. Action on reaccreditation will take place at the summer 1995 CSAC meeting.

The next accreditation action by CSAC will be based on an evaluation of your program with respect to the CSAC/CSAB Criteria that are in effect at that time. At the next visit the team will be interested in the effect of any changes you have recently made or committed your institution to make. Any continuing concerns are summarized at the end of the enclosed Final Statement, which will be provided to the next evaluation team. It is important for the institution and program faculty to continue in efforts to address these concerns.

The materials evaluated during the accreditation process included a display of recent student work, course outlines, graded examinations, and examples of assigned projects. Information was provided on the monitoring of student progress and the placement of graduates. Similar displays and materials will be needed in the reaccreditation process.

Accreditation Maintenance Fees
The annual accreditation maintenance fee is currently $650 for each accredited computer science program. Invoices are mailed to the institution sixty days before the due date, October 1. This fee covers the period October 1 to September 30.

Appeals
Appeals are allowed only in the case of "not-to-accredit" actions.

Public Release Policy
Compliance with the CSAC/CSAB Criteria for Accrediting Programs in Computer Science in the United States includes adherence to the Public Release Policy. Enclosed you will find a copy of this policy.

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The Public And Accreditation

Often members of the public call CSAB to inquire about "good" computer science programs, or to ask about the standing of individual programs. CSAB provides a list of accredited programs but does not recommend any program as "better" than others. The public is advised that accredited programs have met the CSAC/CSAB Criteria, which are sanctioned by this country's two largest scholarly and professional societies for computing, ACM and IEEE-CS.

Infrequently, CSAB receives complaints about computer science programs. CSAB will respond within five working days to complete, signed complaints, that allege non-compliance with the CSAC/CSAB Criteria. Such complaints are shared with the institution, and when appropriate, we will solicit additional information. Officers of CSAB and CSAC may then confer to determine if the facts warrant a site visit for further investigation of the complaint.

Obligations

CSAB should be notified of significant changes in the administration, staffing and content of the program, and of any changes in the title of the program or degree. As any catalog revisions are published, please furnish copies of revisions to CSAB.

New catalog copy, promotional literature, or student advisement materials, should now state that the program is "accredited by the Computer Science Accreditation Commission (CSAC) of the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA) and the U.S. Department of Education." Please post announcements of your program's accreditation for your currently-enrolled students.

It is understood that CSAB, the institution, and the accredited program mutually accept an obligation to abide by all published CSAC/CSAB Criteria and accreditation policies. These are contained in the CSAC/CSAB Criteria for Accrediting Programs in Computer Science in the United States, in CSAB's Provisions for Accreditation Policy and Operations, and in CSAC policy advisories.