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Dr. Jon Wefald
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Dear President Wefald:

By this letter and the attached document of guiding principles, I am recommending the transfer of the Department of Computing and Information Sciences from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Engineering, effective January 1, 1993.

I believe this move, which has the unanimous support of the hearing panel, is in the best interest of the departmental programs and the university. The synergy and complementarity achieved will, in my view, strengthen already good programs and allow for more productive use of resources in this cost intensive area.

All of the required procedures within the university have been completed prior to this recommendation. With your approval, it can now be forwarded to the Board of Regents.

Thank you. Best personal regards.

Yours truly,

James R. Coffman
Provost

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This plan results from deliberation by a hearing panel comprised of the Deans of Arts and Sciences and Engineering, the Heads of the Departments of Computing and Information Sciences and Electrical and Computer Engineering, representatives of the CCOPS of Arts and Sciences and Engineering, a representative of FSCOUP and the Provost. The guiding principles are set forth below.

The rationale for transferring the program is of two sorts:

- the faculty of CIS has voted unanimously to do so.
- the interface of electrical and computer engineering and computer science is becoming more integrated in practice, especially in the areas of designing large software systems and collaborating to solve computing problems in other disciplines.

The fundamental elements are as follows:

-The present Department of Computing and Information Sciences (CIS) will become part of the College of Engineering effective January 1, 1993.

-A budget closely approximating \$1,265,000 and 16 faculty lines will accompany the move of the program, modified by the average impact of the 1993 legislature. The fringe benefits on the salary component of the budget will, of course, transfer as well.

-\$125,000 will be placed in the Arts and Sciences base budget in recognition of the fact that the college has disproportionately increased funding in CIS in recent years and has proposed to reduce the department's budget as part of the Role and Aspiration process.

-The source of the \$125,000 will be enrollment adjustment funds appropriated by the 1992 legislature, which were distributed on a one-time basis in FY93.

-The \$125,000 will be directed at top priorities in Arts and Sciences as stated in the forthcoming Role and Aspiration statement.

-The \$125,000 will be pro-rated from all categories in the FY94 column of the May, 1992 spreadsheet for tentative pre-allocation of the 1992 enrollment adjustment fund appropriation. Thus, this is rendered a separate issue from other actions in distribution of those funds.

-The College of Engineering will retain and continue to support the commitment of the CIS Department to teaching introductory (service) computing courses in support of a wide variety of KSU degrees.

-As in recent years, \$50,000 in funds currently derived from equipment reserves will continue to be provided to CIS annually until such time as the Regents allow the application of an equipment fee to the department.

-Students currently enrolled in the program will have the choice of receiving their degree in Engineering or Arts and Sciences.

-The curriculum and degree offerings will be transferred intact. The BA in Computer Sciences will continue to be offered as a degree which may be taken in Arts and Sciences as long as the curriculum in that degree is acceptable to the respective faculties. However, the computer science courses in such a degree will continue to be taught by the CIS department.

-The budget in CIS will be partitioned for five years, meaning that existing funds cannot be reallocated to other Engineering units and that other existing Engineering funds cannot be reallocated to CIS during that time. The college and the university can seek new funds for CIS, including application of the engineering equipment fee. However, unforeseeable one-time issues will require that the Provost, college and department collaborate in their resolution.

-Clearly designated restricted fees would transfer.

-Other colleges, Arts and Sciences in particular, will have meaningful input into course development; similar to the manner in which Engineering makes input into mathematics now and in the past.