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Subject: Response of the Chemical Engineering Faculty to the Proposal to Move CIS
from Arts and Sciences to Engineering

Our departmental faculty is overwhelmingly opposed to the proposal for the
following reasons.

1.   The heads of the engineering departments voted unanimously against the proposal
in a meeting of the executive committee of the College of Engineering. (We understand
that one head has since changed his position.)

2.   The details of the proposed move have never been communicated in writing to the
engineering faculty. Numerous engineering faculty members have stated that "we do
not know what we are getting into." For example, will CIS upgrade its requirements in
mathematics, chemistry and physics to the level of that required by the engineering
departments and share its TA positions with the engineering departments? *Je -No*

3.   The proposed move in general and that of the Information Science program in
particular are totally counter to the intent of the proposed institution of the professional
engineering program currently under serious consideration by the College of
Engineering (see ATTACHMENT A). It is worth noting that the Information Science
program grants B.A. degrees and the College of Engineering is not authorized to grant   *< New*
such degrees.

4.   A telephone survey of 113 universities indicates that few (probably 1 or 2) house
three separate programs of the Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and
Information Science in the College of Engineering.   In fact,   many   Information
Science and similar programs, e.g., Information Management, are affiliated with the
Colleges of Business Administration (see ATTACHMENT B).

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