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TO: Deans, Directors & Department Heads
FROM: James R. Coffman, Provost *JRC*
RE: Computing and Information Sciences

The CIS Hearing Panel is meeting in the Anderson Hall Conference Room (116) on Wednesday, September 23, 1992, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the purpose of continued deliberation and consideration of the proposed move of CIS from Arts and Sciences to Engineering. At that time, the panel will listen to and consider further input from administrators and faculty.

Individuals planning to make comments should contact Lavon Wells at 532-6224 to schedule a time. The presentations will be limited to 5 minutes. Presenters should bring, or send in advance, eight copies of a written summary of their comments, for review by the hearing panel.

Your assistance in notifying interested faculty of this opportunity is appreciated.

Best regards.

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cc: Vice President Krause
Vice President Rawson
Faculty Senate Leadership

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draft of proposal to move CIS to engineering

This proposed 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.

An open hearing was held in May of 1992 on this issue and the immediate purpose of this proposal is to provide the basis for one more open hearing before reaching a final conclusion.

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 July 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 is expected to 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.

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-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.