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Kansas State University  
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Steering Committee for the  
Joint Doctoral Program

Dear Mr. Sincovic:

I am writing at the request of the Council of Chief Academic Officers to inform you of the Council's action in regard to the Ph.D. Computer Science program and to forward to you copies of materials pertinent to action they are requesting you to take.

The minutes of the last COCAO meeting which pertain to the Ph.D. Computer Science program read as follows:

"COCAO reviewed separate reports from the co-chairman of the Ph.D. Computer Science Steering Committee at K.U. and K.S.U. These reports were in response to COCAO's request at the February meeting that "the Steering Committee identify basic questions regarding the Committee's role and authority that are unresolved and submit these questions to COCAO for review and resolution by COCAO." ~~COCAO does not view the reports submitted to be responsive to the points in question or to identify issues unresolved with the Steering Committee.~~

In order to clarify issues of apparent disagreement within the Steering Committee, COCAO requests the Committee to respond to the attached "Summary of Views" (Appendix A) in light of the January and February 1971 COCAO minutes with accompanying attachments 1 and A, and the program proposal (dated February 8, 1971) which was forwarded to the Academic Committee of the Board.

If the issues hereby identified in the "Summary of Views" are not resolved in the context of the above referenced documents by the Steering Committee in a written report to COCAO at its May 24 & 25 meeting, it will be COCAO's plan to recommend to the Council of Presidents that no additional students be admitted into the Joint Ph.D. Computer Science program until such time as all issues are resolved."

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I am enclosing copies of the material referred to in the minute for your perusal and easy access. The "Summary of Views" represents COCAO's perception of differences which need to be resolved and to which it desires resolution and response at its May 24 & 25 meeting.

Since I am serving the role of middle man, I would suggest that copies of the report called for in the minute be forwarded to me prior to the May 24 meeting and I will see that they are distributed at the next COCAO meeting.

If you have questions regarding any of the enclosed, please feel free to contact your Academic Officer or me for further clarification.

We appreciate the difficulty of what is being attempted in the joint program. Our interest, as is yours, I am sure, is to see a viable program emerge. We trust this can be accomplished.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joe McFarland  
Academic Officer

JM:jp

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Ambrose Saricks  
Dr. John Chalmers