

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tamara Machmut-Jhashi
Secretary, University Senate

FROM: Anandi P. Sahu
Chair, Senate Planning Review Committee

RE: Committee response to the Proposal for Bachelor of Science Program in
Information Technology from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering

DATE: November 17, 2004

The Senate Planning Review has been in receipt of the proposal for the Bachelor of Science Program in Information Technology from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science. The SPRC has a number of concerns that it feels should be addressed before the proposal is considered by the Senate. The specific concerns are explained in greater detail below:

1. The SPRC notes with grave concern that the proposal forwarded to it does not adequately reflect responses to the concerns expressed by the UCUI. The Committee recommends that these be addressed before the proposal is reviewed by in the University Senate.
2. The proposal is based on the old general education requirements. It should be modified to reflect the new general education requirements.
3. In SPRC's view, five letters from industry reflect modest support for the proposal. Consequently, industry support for this proposal is considered weak at best. Normally, proposals for new programs include the results of student surveys which would provide some indication of student interest in the new program. If such a survey has not been done, it is strongly suggested that one is implemented and the results included in the new draft sent to SPRC.
4. The proposal refers to the need for additional holdings in the library – but does not specify what additional holdings are needed or the cost. The SPRC would like to see Professor Mildred Merz's report on library holdings.
5. The proposal refers to the need for additional technology rooms – it does not specify as to how many rooms are needed. The Committee would like to see a note from the registrar's office that they are comfortable about the space requirement. Also, it is not clear whether the program will be offered on the main campus or at the Macomb Center.
6. The SPRC is concerned that there is no specific plan to recruit underrepresented minorities.
7. One question that needs to be addressed is whether there is a negative impact on two groups of students who graduate before the ABET accreditation?
8. The Compuware letter suggests adding a track for Software Development and Management. It is unclear as to what the response to this suggestion was.
9. The front page of the proposal does not identify when this proposal was adopted by the SEC Assembly.