

## **Comments on School of Computing and Information COE Faculty Meeting 13 October 2005**

The next item is the School of Computing and Information. This is on the agenda as an information item.

There is apparently some concern and possibly confusion regarding our CSE Department in the context of considering this potential new school. There have been different documents that have been seen by different folks and interpreted in different ways...the intention today is merely to clarify the status of the proposal which is officially being considered.

To the best of our knowledge, the only proposal that is active and that has any official status is the "white paper" entitled "The School of Computing and Information." This document was developed by a group of faculty and sent to the Provost for consideration. It is, in essence, a proposal to develop a proposal for the school. The white paper, background information, and the covering letter to the provost are now available for review at the web address shown on the agenda. While there are not many details offered about the explicit structure of the school or how it would be staffed, the calendar for moving forward is ambitious with "official operations" being proposed to commence in July 2006.

At this point, it is the intention of the ECAC to encourage the provost to have comprehensive and open discussions about the proposed school. These would include frank discussion about positive and negative impacts on any affected colleges. The ECAC will do whatever it can to facilitate this discussion within our college.

As the current proposal will no doubt be the subject of considerable attention in the coming months, we would encourage you to educate yourselves on the proposal by reviewing the white paper in its entirety and participating in whatever process that results from the provost's initial response to it.