

Curriculum and Instruction Committee  
Minutes  
January 20, 2011

Present: Bielat, Feathers, Hoogland, Ku, Moseley, Young, Shapiro  
Absent with notice: Austin, Bosch, Retish, Vlasopolos.  
Absent: Browne, Furtado, Golebiowska, Baskin.

The majority of the discussion was focused on the topic of the proposal to move the Department of Computer Science from CLAS to the College of Engineering. J. Ku provided a valuable history on this proposal and indicated that the College of Engineering had not yet voted on this proposal. H. Shapiro also pointed out the differences between the ECE and the Computer Science programs with the CS programs being broader.

Questions raised:

- Would CS go through ABET accreditation if it moves to Engineering? If so, what would that mean for current programs and courses?
- Given that faculty from ECE and CS already collaborate, would that collaboration increase? If so would that lead to increased funding for grants?
- What are the employment opportunities for students if CS is moved? Would that change if, as suggested in Item 6 in the proposal, CS becomes more like ECE?
- What is the cost of this move?
- How would this affect staff and faculty?
- How many students are in the programs and how might this move impact the students?
- Would degrees offered, programs, or courses be changed?

Some CIC members felt that the proposal was lacking in detail and that it also implied possibilities that were not actually explained. For example, there is no detail about exactly what this move might entail. There was some suggestion that changes in course requirements might occur (See item 6 of the proposal) that raise questions about whether CS would be a separate department within the College of Engineering or would merge with ECE. Even if CS would be a separate department, there are questions about possible changes to the CS programs that might occur because it is in the College of Engineering.

Additionally there were questions about the extent to which any additional research funding might be achieved because of the potential collaboration as there already a level of collaboration between ECE and CS faculty already exists.

H. Shapiro agreed to ask the registrar to provide information about the number of students in the programs that would be involved. Also the CIC determined to invite appropriate members of ECE and CS to a meeting to discuss the proposed move. Additionally K. Feathers will contact the chairs of Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs to propose that the meeting with ECE and CS be a joint meeting of all the committees involved.