Response to EE Faculty Memo from Dan Huttenlocher, Professor of Computer Science and Stephen H. Weiss Fellow, September 27, 1999

As chair of the Computing and Information Science Task Force, I must note that this response to the EE department memorandum is my personal opinion, and does not necessarily reflect that of the Task Force or its members.

I find the EE department memo seriously misleading, as it suggests that the majority of our peer institutions are heading in the "opposite direction" of what the initial task force report has proposed for Cornell. This simply is not the case. Not only does the EE memo incorrectly imply that EE and CS departments are merging (which is primarily historical, not recent), it also incorrectly states that other institutions are all addressing these issues within the confines of their colleges of engineering.

The task force has recently written a memo describing the situation at a number of peer institutions. That memo is a summary of the situation at other institutions, and not a direct response to the EE memo. However, it provides a concise summary of what is going on elsewhere, and can help set the EE memo in the context of the structures at other universities. The task force memo can be found at <http://web.cornell.edu/UniversityFaculty/forums/computing_info_science/main.html>.