

The Garza Report

- Defused a bitter confrontation between the Faculty and Administration.
- but... left behind ambiguity and conflicting promises for today's Provost.

Weaknesses in the CAPP Report

- Failure to consult with interested parties.
None of the following were consulted in preparing this report:

Members of Computer Science Dept.
Chair of the Computer Science Dept.
Dean, Computing & Information Science
Faculty of Computing and Information

- Little analysis of what has happened since 1999.

1. What has happened to the Computer Science Department under CIS?

- During 1998/99 Computer Science was in bad shape.

[6 faculty left in one year.]

- Since Summer 1999, Computer Science has thrived.

[Excellent recruiting; no faculty left; splendid students; major research grants.]

2. Has the location of Computer Science in CIS stimulated interdisciplinary activities across the university?

- Computer Science faculty, working with the Dean of CIS, have been part of numerous initiatives.

[Genomics, Graphics, Communication, Physics, Science and Technology Studies, etc.]

3. Have interactions between Computer Science and Engineering been harmed?

- Strong educational cooperation, especially between Computer Science and Electrical and Computer Engineering.
[Undergraduate and graduate level]
- Numerous joint research activities, notably in computer systems, networking, etc.
[At least 20% of Computer Science faculty]
- Collaboration in recruitment.

Recommendation to the Faculty Senate

- Ask CAPP to withdraw the report because of lack of consultation with the academic units concerned.

Request to the Provost

- Please resolve the current ambiguous situation of the Computer Science Dept.
-- in an open and consultative manner.

[You will hear strong arguments that the current situation is working well for the university and should be made permanent, but the final decision must be yours.]