

Motion to substitute the following for the CAPP motion under Item 7 of the agenda.

"The Faculty Senate requests that concrete steps be taken to begin immediately the process of locating the Computer Science Department in accordance with the Garza Agreement, with this process to be completed by October 2002."

Rationale

This is Section 7 of the CAPP motion, with the first five words deleted. The aim is to have a courteous resolution that the Faculty Senate can accept unanimously.

The Garza Agreement was written at a time when the Faculty Senate was rightly annoyed by a sequence of academic decisions that were made without consultation of the faculty or the people concerned. The reorganization of Computer Science was one of these decisions. Vice Provost Garza negotiated a temporary agreement that calmed down the situation, but postponed the final decision. To achieve consensus, the agreement included some deliberately vague language. At the last meeting of the Faculty Senate, the Provost announced that she will move ahead to resolve the situation once the new Dean of Engineering joins in July. Everybody, and especially the Computer Science Department, wants to see the uncertainty resolved. We believe that there can be a resolution that satisfies the reasonable concerns of all parties and lies firmly within the boundaries defined by the Garza agreement.

At a time when consensus building is called for, the CAPP motion seems inappropriate and unhelpful. The six introductory sections are unnecessarily assertive and selective in the facts that they present. The two final sections verge on rudeness to the Provost.

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