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Subject:Special Note on the CIS College Announcement

Members of the Faculty Senate:

This afternoon the Faculty of Computing and Information Science voted to rename their academic unit to the Cornell Ann S. Bowers College of Computing and Information Science, associated with an enormously generous gift.

Ann Bowers '59, led human resources at Intel Corporation in the 1970s and was one of Apple's first vice presidents in the 1980s. She spent her career fostering an environment where technologists could thrive. Her gift will support the construction of a new building, which will enable desperately-needed faculty expansion in CIS, and will ultimately also provide endowment support for faculty and students in CIS. This will be the first college at Cornell to be named for a woman.

Prior to the vote, Provost Kotlikoff and Dean Bala discussed the gift in a meeting with the University Faculty Committee as part of our tradition of shared governance. The gift is contingent on the renaming and required confidentiality, but there are no other requirements or changes to current academic procedures or policies associated with this gift. The new college will not become an admitting unit associated with this gift, although that possibility is open in the future if the university so decides. Finally, while CIS goes from a "Faculty" to a "College," there are no changes in academic focus or other cross college issues involved.

For all these reasons the UFC unanimously agreed that it was fine to simply announce this transition in naming without formal Senate engagement. The UFC also reaffirmed the importance of the Senate being involved in any decision that would lead to CIS becoming an admitting college.

Sincerely,

Michael Kotlikoff
Provost

Charles Van Loan
Dean of Faculty