Faculty Forum On Computer And Information Science

Opening remarks by Moderator

(Prof. Shoemaker, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering)

Summary of Task Force Report (Prof. Gay and Dean Constable, panel and task committee members)

Response by CS Dept (Prof. Van Loan, Chair of Computer Science Department)

Comments by each of remaining panelists

Questions from the audience and responses from the panel

Faculty Panel Members

Prof. Abigail Cohn - Department of Linguistics

Dean Robert Constable - Dean of Computing and Information Science

Prof. Geri Gay - Department of Communication

Prof. Stephen Pope - School of Mechanical and Aero. Engineering

Prof. Stephen Wicker - School of Electrical Engineering

Current Status on September 15, 1999

As of July 1, 1999, the Office of the Provost assumed responsibility for the management of the Department of Computer Science’s resources, including budget, position management, space and other assets.

Robert Constable was appointed Dean for Computing and Information Science. Charles Van Loan, the chair of Computer Science, reports to Dean Constable who reports directly to the Provost.

Responsibility for approval of searches, hiring, promotion, and tenure rests with the Office of the Provost and the CIS Dean. All of these activities are to be undertaken in collaboration with the Deans of Engineering and Arts and Sciences.

Faculty in Computer Science remain voting members of the College of Engineering as well as voting members of the College of Arts and Sciences. The department continues to offer degree programs through both colleges and in this sense is directly responsible for them.

Many details remain to be worked out.

Format of Question and Answer Period

Questions/Statements from the faculty will be taken in order from line at the microphone. Please give names and departments.

Each question or statement from the microphone is limited to one minute.

Questions will be answered by one or more panel members.

Total time (questions and responses) devoted to any one question or statement will be limited.

After 5:30, non-faculty members of the Cornell Community may also ask questions
An audio recording of the Forum is being made and a transcript will be produced ASAP and posted on the University Faculty website: http://web.cornell.edu/UniversityFaculty/index.html

Comments by the Dean of the Faculty Concerning Nature of This Forum

The panelists will respond to questions about the intellectual and academic issues concerning the future of Computing and Information Sciences at Cornell. The Dean of the Faculty has asked the panelists not to respond to comments about the administrative handling of the process.

(See the written handout for more information.)

Next Steps

Send comments to Prof. Terry Fine, Chair of the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, tlfine@ee.cornell.edu

Send statements for posting on the web to Judy Bower. jab14@cornell.edu

Faculty Senate consideration will occur on October 13th

The Task Force Report will be finalized by the end of this semester (initially due on November 1st)