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To: Computer Science Faculty
From: Theodore Baker, Professor, Computer Science Department
Re: Minutes of October 8, 2007 Department Meeting
Date: October 8, 2007

- (1) **Called to Order:** Meeting was opened by the Chair, Dr. David Whalley at 11:15am, October 8, 2007 in room 151 Love.
- (2) **Members Present:** The following members were present for the meeting: Sudhir Aggarwal, Professor; Ted Baker, Professor; Ken Baldauf, Associate in CS; Zhenhai Duan, Assistant Professor; Ann Ford-Tyson, Associate in CS; Piyush Kumar, Assistant Professor; Chris Lacher, Assistant in CS; Feifei Li, Assistant Professor; Xiuwen Liu, Associate Professor; Michael Mascagni, Professor; Daniel Schwartz, Associate Professor; Ashok Srinivasan, Assistant Professor; Sara Stoecklin, Assistant in CS; Gary Tyson, Associate Professor; Robert van Engelen, Associate Professor; Andy Wang, Assistant Professor; David Whalley, Professor and Chair; Xin Yuan, Associate Professor; Zhenghao Zhang, Assistant Professor.

Proposals: The following proposals were discussed and finally approved. In each case I have provided some additional notes, regarding context and ramifications.

- (1) Proposed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, and approved without objection:

The new courses Software Engineering I and Software Engineering II will replace COP 3331 and CEN 4010, and will both be required of all CS majors.

Note: This change requires finding three (3) credit hours to remove from the other requirements for the degree, in order to stay within 120-hour statutory limit for bachelor's programs and the 60-hour articulation requirement for students who enter FSU with and AA degree.

- (2) Proposed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, and approved in amended form (14 Yes, 1 No, 3 Abstain):

The Advanced Mathematics Elective will be removed as a separate requirement for the undergraduate degrees in CS; however students will have the option of fulfilling one of the four CS electives by taking any mathematics course that would satisfy the former Advanced Mathematics Elective requirement.

Note: This reduction of three credit hours balances the increase from item (1) above.

- (3) Proposed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, and approved in final form (16 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain):

Whether to schedule recitation meetings for each undergraduate course will be at the discretion of the instructor, subject to approval of the chair based on pragmatic considerations such as adequate advance notice and availability of classrooms.

Note: The context of the discussion was limited to situations where there is a single instructor a course in a given term, the assignment of instructor is done before the class schedule is built, and the instructor is not changed later. I do not believe it was intended that adjunct instructors and teaching assistants be afforded this discretion. Presumably, in such cases the course coordinator/principal instructor would make the decision.

- (4) Proposed by Gary Tyson, seconded from the floor, and approved (10 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstain):

The list of core courses for the Master's and Ph.D. degrees in the Software Area is amended to remove Software Engineering and replace it by Database Systems.

Notes:

Fei-Fei Li agreed to file the necessary paperwork to revise the official course syllabus so that it reflects the change in the database course from pure theory to include hands-on implementation of a mini-database managements system.

This issue needs to likely be re-opened, to provide an exception for the MS in SE degree, that would allow the SE course to count toward the core for students in that degree program, at least on the PC campus. The problem is that the ability of the PC campus to offer core graduate courses is very limited, and they are focussed primarily on the Software Engineering Major. They need to offer SE every year, because their students are required to take it for the major, and they do not have the resources to offer all the core courses.

- (5) Proposed by the Graduated Curriculum Committee, and passed (12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain):

The requirements for the MS degree should be modified as follows:

Coursework option:	11 courses, with at least 6 grades of B+ or higher
Project option:	9 courses, plus 6 hrs of project
Thesis option:	8 courses, plus 9 hrs of thesis