CCI 2.0
Build Community, Shape the College, Raise Support
Report – January 2008

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Your participation in each of these upcoming events is critical to candidate selection, resource development, and the future of the college. Please RSVP for each event by February 6, 2008 to Nancy DeCarlo: ndecarlo@uamail.albany.edu, 956-8240.

February 7ᵗʰ, 12:00-1:30: *Food for Thought – Preparation for Faculty Candidates*
CCI Dean's Office, 7A Harriman Campus, Suite 220

- *Terry Maxwell* will lead a discussion to help prepare us to meet and evaluate faculty candidates and work toward a college-wide understanding of our research focus on *Information, Government, and a Democratic Society* (IGDS) and how it should be taken into account in the evaluation of any faculty candidate.
  · 12:00 – catered lunch; 12:30 – roundtable discussion

February 14ᵗʰ, 4:00-5:00: *Resource Development*
CCI Dean's Office, 7A Harriman Campus, Suite 220

- *Rick Poggendorf*, Principal, Poggendorf Consulting Group and consultant to the University at Albany Office of Development, will overview the development process and the faculty role. We have launched a new phase in our development activities and will be reaching out in a more organized way to our alums, corporations, and public. It will be especially important that we develop a common understanding of the roles we each play in moving the College forward.

February 21ˢᵗ, 12:00-1:30: *Food for Thought – Preparation for Faculty Candidates*
CCI Dean's Office, 7A Harriman Campus, Suite 220

- *George Berg* will lead a discussion to help prepare us to meet and evaluate faculty candidates and work toward a college-wide understanding of our research focus on *Computing and Cognition* (C&C) and how it should be taken into account in the evaluation of any faculty candidate.
  · 12:00 – catered lunch; 12:30 – roundtable discussion

Faculty Search

We have received so far more than 250 applications in response to our faculty search. The Search Committee's review process will begin February 8th, so invite your colleagues to submit their applications soon. All faculty will be invited to meet candidates and participate in the selection process. The February 7th and 21st *Food for Thought* sessions are specifically designed as preparation for candidate selection.

· *Position Announcement*: http://albany.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp;?JOBID=8311
· *Research Portfolio*: http://www.albany.edu/cci/portfolio.shtml Developed on the recommendation of the Academic Advisory Committee and based on the results of the Faculty Retreat.

New Research Financial Management Office

You may now obtain assistance in developing pre-award budgets for research grant applications and post-award financial management. Contact *Diana Edelson, Director of Finance and Administration*: dedelson@uamail.albany.edu, 956-8243.

New Assistant Deans

Most of you know *Jennifer Goodall* from her previous appointment as Acting Assistant Dean and Visiting Assistant Professor. Jen will continue her current portfolio of responsibilities as *Assistant Dean* for the Informatics Department and head the college's Women in Information Technology (CCIWIT) effort. Jen, who received a Ph.D. in Information Science from UAlbany, also continues as Adjunct Assistant Professor in Informatics, in which role she will continue to teach and work on curriculum development. jjpowers@uamail.albany.edu, 956-8245.

Brian Gabriel, Assistant Dean, most recently served as a Staff Assistant and Project Specialist in the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action. He brings a broad perspective on higher education administration, having had more than a dozen years of professional experience at UAlbany, Empire State College, RPI, and the Research Foundation. Brian received an M.S. in IT Management from RPI after his retirement as a Major in the U.S. Air Force. begabriel@uamail.albany.edu, 956-8244.

Lisa Gonzalez, Assistant Dean, moved to the College from the Development Office. You may have met her when she served as the College's development officer. More recently she was the Assistant Director of Development for the School of Business and Assistant Director for Corporate & Foundation Relations. She has been an instructor for the School of Criminal Justice, as well as a general manager in private industry. Lisa received an M.A. in Criminal Justice. lgonzalez@uamail.albany.edu, 956-8251.

New Secretary

Nancy DeCarlo, Secretary, has joined the Dean's Office as temporary secretary, coming to us from the Personnel office. ndecarlo@uamail.albany.edu, 956-8240.

Please join me in welcoming Diana, Jen, Brian, Lisa, and Nancy to their new roles at the University.

Fond Farewell to Peg Carr

After devoting herself to making a difference in higher education, *Peg Carr* decided it was finally time to kick back and reap the benefits of retired life with her husband Bill and their family. Those of us who came into contact with Peg know how fortunate we were to have her join us in the College, after interrupting her retirement from UAlbany's computing center where she worked for many years. Peg was truly a delight to work with, and brought a warm professionalism to everything she did. I'd like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Peg for all that she did for us, and for pitching in with the many projects she worked on. If you wish to contact Peg with a personal message, you may reach her at pcarr@nycap.rr.com.

We are currently searching for a permanent secretary for the Dean's office. If you know of any good candidates, please let Diana Edelson know: dedelson@uamail.albany.edu, 956-8243.

Current Home of CCI Dean's Office

Visit our new Dean's Office in Building 7A on the Harriman Campus when you attend *Food for Thought* on February 7th *and Resource Development* on February 14th.

Access to Building 7A is by telephone. Upon entrance to the building there is a telephone located on a desk in the main lobby; dial *99-956-8240 and announce your arrival. A member of the College of Computing & Information will come down and escort you in. Often times the security officer will let you in or call us directly to come down to greet you.

Directions to the CCI Dean's Office from the Uptown Campus.
- Head east on Washington Ave, toward downtown Albany, about 1/8 mile; stay in the right lane.
- Turn right at the second "State Offices" exit.
  (Signs also show Route 85, SEFCU, and CDPHP. This is the second of two "State Offices" exits.)
- Stay in the right lane and carefully merge into the Inner-Loop road.
- Immediately shift to the far-right lane (within 1/8 mile). Cross three lanes with care!
- Turn right at the sign for Building 7 and 7A.
- Turn right at the next sign for Building 7 and 7A and park.

Directions to the CCI Dean's Office from the Downtown Campus.
- Head west on Washington Ave, toward the Uptown Campus, about 2 miles; stay in the right lane.
- Turn right at the "State Offices" exit. (Signs also show Route 85, SEFCU, and CDPHP.)
- Stay in the left lane and merge into the Outer-Loop road.
- Immediately shift to the far left lane (within 1/8 mile). Cross three lanes with care!
- Turn left at the first "State Offices" exit, crossing over a bridge and turning to head east. (This is the first of two "State Offices" exits.)
- Stay in the right lane of the exit ramp and carefully merge onto the Inner-Loop road.
- Immediately shift to the far right lane (within 1/16 mile). Cross three lanes with care!
- Turn right at the sign for Building 7 and 7A.
- Turn right at the next sign for Building 7 and 7A and park.

Future Home of CCI

Continuing discussions about our future home on the Harriman Campus include Building 4, where we have been offered as much as 60,000 square feet of space and which could be available as early as Fall '08. However, we have requested 100,000 square feet, our estimated need for the entire college. Availability of classroom space and transportation and logistics for undergraduate students will be critical factors in determining if we move the entire college, or which departments and faculty it makes sense to move. We will be consulting with each department and inviting your comments before making decisions.

A C A D E M I C   A D V I S O R Y   C O M M I T T E E   R E P O R T

The Academic Advisory Committee delivered its formal report in late November, although we had already received their feedback informally. We have taken their recommendations seriously and, as evidenced by much of the news above, have begun to implement their recommendations. The Executive Summary follows. Read the full report here:
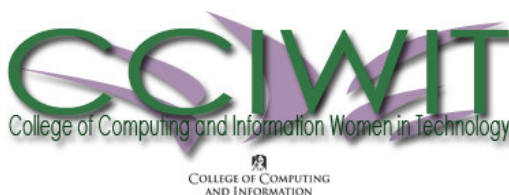http://www.albany.edu/cci/cci2.0/Albany-CCI-MainReport.pdf

Report of the Academic Advisory Committee for the
College of Computing and Information

Executive Summary

In creating the College of Computing and Information, the University at Albany has set itself apart from many other broad research universities. This college enables the University to respond flexibly to the impact of the Information Revolution on the academy. The intellectual future of the College depends on its ability to bring forward the abiding strength of its existing fields while shedding elements that have outlived their usefulness. Our recommendations focus on ways to complete the definition of the College of Computing and Information.

1. Provide the physical space that brings together the faculty of the College and creates for it a physical identity and a base of operations. This is imperative.

2. Establish formal college-level academic offices to take responsibility for essential functions.

3. Create a new disciplinary undergraduate major focused on information to complement the established computer science major.

4. Take the lead at the University at Albany in bringing the power of computing and digital information to the emerging model of a liberal education in the 21st Century.

5. When sufficient progress has been made on the first goals, the organizational structure of the College should be reviewed, including a reconsideration of the names of the components dealing with the information sciences.

6. Develop an aggressive program of targeted research.

7. Create a specific plan of operation for the next decade that will set the ideal faculty and staff size for the College mission. Without explicit goals and an explicit business model, the College will find it difficult to control its destiny.

C C I W I T

CCIWIT now has a webpage: http://www.albany.edu/cci/cciwit.shtml