Upcoming events:

October 16 – Information Studies faculty meeting on departmental planning.

October 19 – CCI Women in Technology luncheon in the Patroon Room, October 19 at 12:30. See description below.

October 26 – Faculty Retreat. If you haven't already done so, please send your responses to the questions facing the College as soon as possible so that the information can be analyzed prior to the Retreat.

Faculty Search

The CCI college-wide faculty search committee has been constituted, with members:

Philip Eppard
Teri Harrison
Tim Lance
Paliath Narendran
S.S. Ravi
Joette Stefl-Mabry

Curriculum Reviews

In their preliminary feedback, the CCI Academic Advisory Committee (see below) strongly recommended that we pay particular attention to reviewing and redefining our academic programs, especially at the undergraduate level. Based on this recommendation, we have requested and received a one-year delay of the University-level program reviews so that we may spend the year on curricular development. More information will be provided as plans are developed.

Other events:

Sept. 20 – The CS faculty kicked off efforts to revise their Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D. degrees, with the intent of making them modern reflections of the discipline, useful, and exciting for students.

Academic Advisory Committee

The CCI Academic Advisory Committee met on campus on Sept. 25-27. The committee is expected to issue a report to the Provost in October. Because Provost Herbst will leave office soon, she included several UAlbany officers in the committee's initial debriefing. Preliminary comments were also provided to the chairs and to the faculty.

Community Building

A new listserv, CCIWIT, was created for Women in IT in CCI. Women faculty and doctoral students have been invited to subscribe. Interested parties should contact Assistant Dean Jennifer Goodall Powers at jjpowers@uamail.albany.edu. An initial meeting of women faculty from CCI was held on September 28 to discuss how to increase gender diversity in the college and how to be more supportive of women faculty. The next meeting will be October 19.

Other community-building events included:

Sept. 5-6. NSF Symposium on Cyber-Enabled Discovery & Innovation. Several UAlbany faculty and students participated. Presenters included Prof. Lenore Mullin (who chaired a panel on Educational Issues in CDI), Dean Marjorie Pryse, and Prof. James Raynolds.

Sept. 10 – Prof. Seth Chaiken and the Computer Science Department hosted Dean Jose Lopez and two colleagues from Tecnica de Pereira in Colombia to discuss potential exchange student exchange programs.

Sept. 17 – Dean Bloniarz met with Kurt Nielsen of teamresponz to discuss opportunities for collaboration and student projects.

Sept. 20 – Bloniarz and Development Officer Winsome Foderingham met with representatives from the Center for Economic Growth to discuss potential TechConnex projects.

Sept. 28 – The Computer Science Department hosted a graduate recruiting event by Bloomberg L.P. This is a follow-up to an on-going discussion with Bloomberg begun over the summer by Profs. S.S. Ravi and Seth Chaiken.

NYSGrid, a consortium of New York state institutions to develop plans for New York's cyberinfrastructure, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to become a NYSERNet initiative. UAlbany CIO Christine Haile chairs the NYSGrid steering committee, and Tim Lance is president and board chair of NYSERNet.

Funding

Sept. 11 – Bloniarz met with UAlbany Washington representatives to discuss CCI legislative initiatives.

Assistant Dean Goodall Powers applied for a Pass-It-On Grant from systers (http://anitaborg.org/initiatives/systers) to host a CCI book group with *She's Such a Geek! Women write about science, technology & other nerdy stuff*

Upcoming Community-Building Events and Deadlines

October 17 – 3rd Annual New York State Cyber Security Awareness Conference: Kids Safe Online, Empire State Plaza. http://www.cscic.state.ny.us/security/conferences/awareness/2007/index.cfm