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Prof. David Andereck
Chair, MPS Curriculum Committee

Dear Prof. Andereck:

The Undergraduate Studies Committee of the CSE Department, which I chair, discussed at several of its recent meetings, some possible changes, following the recently approved changes in the GEC component of all BS and BA programs in MPS/ASC, in the BS-CIS and BA-CIS programs. All of our faculty as well as student representatives were part of these discussions. The process we followed in arriving at these changes is described on page 2 of the attachment. Our faculty approved the changes unanimously at its meeting of Nov. 19, 2007.

We considered two sets of changes for the BS-CIS program, these being changes in the GEC component of the program and in the technical portion of the program. The net result is that the GEC component is somewhat reduced while, at the same time providing some added flexibility; and the 15 hours of “free electives” is eliminated. With no other changes, this would make the program size 176 hours. Hence we propose adding 5 hours to the major program, four hours for a *capstone design course* and one hour for CSE 601 (Social and Ethical Issues in Computing).

In the case of the BA-CIS program, the main changes are in the GEC component. The GEC hours are somewhat reduced while providing some added flexibility; and the 15 hours of “free electives” is eliminated. This brings the program size to 181 hours. In addition, we propose adding CSE 601 (Social and Ethical Issues in Computing) to the *core* portion of the program and reducing the number of elective hours correspondingly by one hour.

The details of the proposed changes appear in the attachment. We request consideration of the proposal by the MPS Curriculum Committee as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email me.

Thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Neelam Soundarajan
Chair, Undergrad Studies Committee, CSE Dept.

cc: Prof. Bruce Weide, Assoc. Chair, CSE Dept.

Attachment: Detailed proposal.