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Prof. John Parson  
Chair, MPS Curriculum Committee

Dear Prof. Parson:

The CSE Undergraduate Studies Committee of the CSE Department, which I chair, discussed at two of its recent meetings, the introduction of a technical elective option focused on the topic of Information and Computation Assurance for our undergraduates. The members of the committee felt that importance of issues related to this topic makes such an option very worthwhile.

Based on our discussions, we developed the proposal for a new technical elective option, *Information and Computation Assurance*, for the BS-CIS program. The proposal was approved by the CSE faculty at its meeting of November 7.

The complete details of the proposal are attached. 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, CSE Undergrad Studies Committee

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

Attachments: Detailed proposal.