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Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
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Dear Chair and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On Thursday, October 9, 2025, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee reviewed a revised program request for the Computer and Informational Science (CIS) undergraduate program for the BA and BS majors.

The CIS major is an Arts and Sciences (ASC) major, but it is predominantly managed/taught by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) in the College of Engineering – though with some advising help from ASC staff. The College of Engineering have recently changed some of their procedures for majors in CIS and CSE. Previously there was only a pre-major set of requirements for getting into the CSE/CIS majors, and one of those pre-major requirements was an introductory CSE programming course.

However, as incoming first-year students, the College of Engineering have started to admit students directly to the CSE major. With such direct enrollment into the major, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering also recently made some changes to the CSE major and specifically about how they communicate to students about being placed on probation and then how they remove students from the CSE major due to poor performance in key courses; however, those changes were not directly mirrored between the CSE and the CIS major programs.

In the provided change to the CIS major programs, there is an update to synchronize the CSE and CIS majors for probationary and dismissal policies. The NMS committee did approve the request, but they did request, as a contingency, that a report should be submitted to ASC within the next year or two in order to provide some details on how the implementation has worked for CIS majors.

On October 9, 2025, the NMS Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the request with that one contingency.

The CIS revision is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,



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