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Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Swanlund Administration Building  
601 East John Street  
Champaign, IL 61820

October 1, 2003

O. Vernon Burton, Chair  
Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Office of the Senate  
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Burton:

Enclosed are copies of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Discontinue the Curriculum Preparatory to the Teaching of Computer Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

This proposal has been approved by the college; it now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,



Keith A. Marshall, Ph.D.  
Assistant Provost

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Enclosures

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
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Council on Teacher Education

130 Education Building, MC-708  
1310 South Sixth Street  
Champaign, IL 61820-6990



August 1, 2003

Keith Marshall  
Asst. Provost  
Swanlund, 2<sup>nd</sup> FL  
MC-304

Dear Keith:

Enclosed is a proposal to Discontinue the Curriculum Preparatory to the Teaching of Computer Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The proposal has the approval of the necessary committees, including the Council on Teacher Education, and is ready for consideration by the Senate Educational Policy Committee.

There have been no candidates in this program for several years and the program does not comply with Illinois State Board of Education Standards that took effect on July 1, 2003. Computer Science is no longer a free standing certification major; it has been incorporated into Business, Marketing and Computer Education.

Please feel free to contact Ann Mester or me if you have any questions pertaining to this proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Chet Zych  
Associate Director/  
Certification Officer

C: Ann Mester  
Graham Evans  
Marc Snir  
Sheryl Benson

CZ/dm

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702 South Wright Street  
Urbana, IL 61801-3631



May 8, 2003

Chet Zych  
Council on Teacher Education  
130 Education Building MC-708

Dear Chet:

On behalf of the Committee on Courses and Curricula, Academic Affairs Committee, Executive Committee and the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences I administratively approve the following proposal:

**Discontinue the Curriculum Preparatory to the Teaching of Computer Science**

This proposal is now ready for review by the Council on Teacher Education for proposed implementation Fall 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ann M. Mester'.

Ann M. Mester  
Assistant Dean

C: Professor Marc Snir  
Professor E. Graham Evans

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April 25, 2003

Professor Marc Snir, Head  
Department of Computer Science  
3270 DCI, MC-258

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Dear Professor Snir:

I write today regarding the Curriculum Preparatory to the Teaching of Computer Science, which is administered through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Math and Computer Science Area Committee, but which is housed within your department. Although the program is still on the books it has not had students for several years.

Beginning in Fall 2003, teacher education programs will be subjected to new NCATE 2000 standards, which have been adopted by the Illinois State Board of Education. Certification for the discipline of computer science falls under either "Business, Marketing and Computer Education" or "Technology Education." The Curriculum Preparatory to the Teaching of Computer Science as currently configured does not fulfill ISBE standards and therefore cannot lead to state certification. We would be pleased to consider a new proposal should one be forthcoming in the future. However, in the meantime this program must be eliminated to avoid misleading potential students to the belief that they can achieve teacher certification under the present system.

I have enclosed a draft "Senate format document" that will discontinue the program. I ask that you sign the document as soon as possible and forward it back to me. I will take care of shepherding the proposal through the rest of the process.

Sincerely,



Ann M. Mester  
Assistant Dean

Cc: J. Delia  
S. Kamin  
G. Evans  
S. Benson

**Proposal to Discontinue the Curriculum Preparatory to the Teaching of Computer Science**

**SPONSOR:** Ann M. Mester, Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,  
294 Lincoln Hall, MC-448, 333-1350, [mester@uiuc.edu](mailto:mester@uiuc.edu)

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Beginning in Fall 2003, teacher education programs will be subjected to new NCATE 2000 standards, which have been adopted by ISBE. Certification for "Computer Science" falls under either "Business, Marketing and Computer Education" or "Technology Education." The Curriculum Preparatory to the Teaching of Computer Science as currently configured does not fulfill ISBE standards and therefore cannot lead to state certification. We would be pleased to consider a new proposal should one be forthcoming in the future. However, in the meantime this program must be eliminated to avoid misleading potential students to the belief that they can achieve teacher certification under the present system. No students have enrolled in the program for the past several years.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The program no longer leads to certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Furthermore, there are no students currently in the program.

**BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed: None
- b. Internal reallocations (changes in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)  
There should be no effect on class size/teaching loads because there are currently no students in the program.
- c. Effect on course enrollments in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments.  
None for reasons stated above.
- d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.  
None

