

UNIVERSITY SENATE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Senate Executive Committee

Date: April 27, 2015

NAME CHANGE FOR THE COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That the name of the College of Computing and Information be changed to the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.
2. That the change becomes effective immediately.
3. That this proposal be forward to President Robert J. Jones for approval.

Rationale for College of Computing and Information Name Change*:

*The rationale for the name change can be found in the minutes of the April 27, 2015 Senate meeting.

***Rationale:**

Provost Stellar announced that Senate Bill 1415-06 came to the Senate courtesy of the Senate Executive Committee meeting earlier that day in which we asked that this bill be brought forward in the interest of formal consultation with the faculty per the Bylaws. The Provost explained that Dean Faerman and Anne Marie Murray, who had worked on this project, were unable to attend the Senate meeting due to a conflicting meeting. He indicated he was grateful to be able to address questions.

The Provost outlined that the basic idea, as President Jones spoke about in his State of the University Address, is to rename the College of Computing and Information to the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The reason for that is it was thought, and widely discussed, that UAlbany would be stronger if it had an engineering college. It would have a STEM representation that was stronger, we would be able to attract more students, and we would have a more balanced portfolio. This would contribute to the financial health of the institution, by providing another way to generate resources through tuition and grants. On February 2nd the Provost had attended a College of Computing and Information meeting to discuss this name change. There had since been multiple conversations with various committees which suggested CCI's leadership (including its chairs, dean, assistant dean) was solidly behind this proposal.

Part of the rationale is that although we continue to concentrate on information and computers – indeed there is a new department that has been approved – down the road we might add something else should we so choose, going through due process. The name change was proposed on the basis of extensive research in consultation with engineering operations at other universities. The name is a very broad one and allows us to expand, similar to the College of Arts and Sciences that has many things under it. Right now the idea is to do this simple name change to leave room for the future.

Provost Stellar stated that the President has talked about the proposal on many occasions, including here at the Senate. The administration has also made presentations at various places around the campus, including at a UPPC meeting and at the morning's SEC meeting. Provost Stellar stated it was thought by coming to the Senate body today, and thanked the SEC for making that possible, that the administration was satisfying the idea of having formal consultation.

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